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» Reflections on anniversary of first impeachment resolution in CNMI history

Today marks the first anniversary of the prefiling of the first impeachment resolution in CNMI history, and those who took part in it or witnessed the constitutional process in action reflect on the resulting changes that they hope will be sustained for generations to come.

"It was something we needed to do as people lost their trust and confidence in the governor and his administration," Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), one of the seven authors of the original impeachment resolution, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

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From 29 to just 18 lawmakers

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Leon Guerrero

Barely a year after the defeat of a similar proposal under the previous Legislature comes a new initiative—now in a drafting stage—seeking to ask voters whether they want to cut the number of lawmakers from 29 to 18 and a longer term for House members from two to four to help shrink the CNMI government's size.

"The numbers could still change as the initiative is still being drafted. It might be lower than 18," Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

As a member of an ad hoc committee on cost-cutting measures, Leon Guerrero

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The Northern Marianas College posted a total of 1,171 full-time students for the fall 2013 semester—an 8-percent decline from the fall 2012 semester, according to the college.

The enrollment total is as of Friday, Aug. 23. The college still expects this number to rise due to the extended registration period for classes that will start on Sept. 16.

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NMC MARKETPLACE NMC
Northern Marianas College counselor Barnaby Lizama, left, and a student volunteer prepare hamburgers for students at the recent "NMC Marketplace" event where students were encouraged to join student organizations, exchange textbooks, and participate in other activities.

Ayuyu going back to Senate Wednesday

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Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) separately said yesterday that Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) will be going back to the Senate on Wednesday, weeks after he was released from jail while awaiting sentencing.

Hocog, chairman of the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee, said he hopes that Ayuyu will meet with all his colleagues at the Senate to discuss his resignation.

Ayuyu

Ayuyu turned in his resignation letter on Aug. 21, but it will take effect on Oct. 7.

Hocog said he would like to ask Ayuyu about the effective date of the resignation.

Hocog also said there is nothing that stops Ayuyu from attending Thursday's

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Local

TSL Foundation spruces up Paseo de Marianas

The sun and river illustrations etched on the center of the Paseo de Marianas are noticeably more alive and vibrant today, thanks to the fresh paint applied by volunteers from the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Saipan Soccer School's Mae Ito said the painting project at the Paseo de Marianas was initiated by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation under the leadership TSL Foundation manager Maggie Sablan.

"We, the Saipan Soccer School staff, Shirley's FC Women's Team, and the Kanoa FC Men's Team joined together to help complete the project in one week. This was our way of giving back to our community as well as giving a helping hand to our economy," said Ito.

The project included cleaning and scraping off gums and trash and repainting the sun and river images.

"This way we revive the colors at PDM not just for the community but also for the tourists that come and visit our island."

Jershwin Angeles, Ito's colleague at the Saipan Soccer School, said everybody had a good time repainting the Paseo de Marianas, which they did from 9am to 3pm or 4pm for five straight days.

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From left, Shirley's Coffee Shop FC's Alexa Vergara, Tan Siu Lin Foundation's Andrew Galvez, and Saipan Soccer School's Irish Pagarao paint the sun's rays at the Paseo de Marianas.

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Saipan Soccer School's Mae Ito and another volunteer paint even under the scorching sun.

"It was fun cleaning and painting Paseo de Marianas. The scorching heat didn't stop us. Me and the boys got to use the hose from the fire truck and were able to ride on top of it. The boys were so amused and had so much fun. People walking by told us we were doing a great job and that they are thankful to us for taking care of the area. I am very proud every time I pass by Paseo de Marianas, looking at the curb and pathway. I would like to thank everybody that participated, especially to Ms. Maggie Sablan and Ms. Becky Tenorio for taking care of us all the time."

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio thanked TSL Foundation for the job, saying the cleanups and island beautification projects by community groups show a tangible commitment to making visitor satisfaction a priority.

"It's an encouragement to the Marianas Visitors Authority to see so many businesses, civic groups, and individuals join the cause in making tourism their business. Our home in the Northern Mariana Islands is a lovely place to live and visitors pay hundreds or thousands of dollars to enjoy it, too. We thank all those who are helping to keep our islands beautiful and clean."

Tenorio is strongly encouraging schools and non-profit groups to apply for funding support for cleanups through the MVA's "Beautify My Marianas" campaign. "This federally funded grant will expire at the end of September, and we would like to exhaust the funding. In particular, we encourage eligible groups from Tinian and Rota to participate."

Tenorio said applications for MVA's "Beautify My Marianas" campaign are available at www.mymarianas.com.

MVA Destination Enhancement Committee chair Ed Arriola, for his part, lauded TSL Foundation for their work.

"The TSLF and its volunteer organizations did a great job of repainting the area. Currently the Destination Enhancement Committee is reviewing plans to further upgrade the PDM with visual, audio, end entertainment elements. With close to 1,000 hotel rooms surrounding this centerpiece, the private and public sector must seek new ways to enhance this heart of tourism. We also need to welcome and encourage new developments and investment in the CNMI. If we have a strong heart, as is Garapan, then the rest of the body will grow. The PDM Promoters, Inc. and the team at Division of Parks and Recreation also deserve our gratitude for the monthly maintenance." ***(Mark Rabago)***

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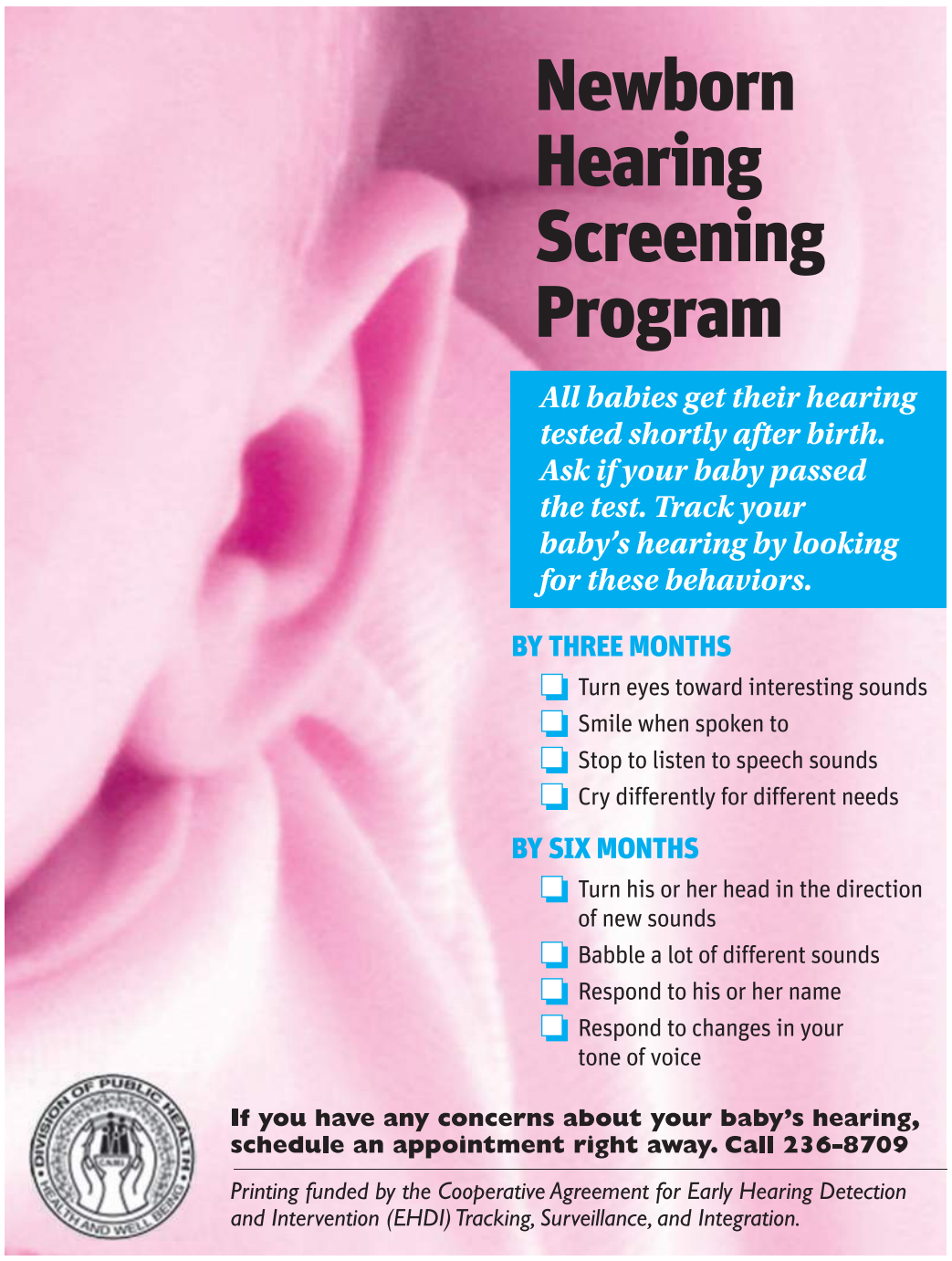
Saipan Soccer School's Russelle Zapanta supervises as volunteers from Shirley's Coffee Shop FC and Kanoa Resort FC paint the curb in front of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.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Ex-Customs trainee arrested for alleged credit card misuse

Police arrested on Saturday in As Perdido a former trainee at the Division of Customs Services who allegedly made unauthorized online purchases worth $811.22 using a private corporation's credit card account.

Daniel Sunio Buniag, 24, was taken to Superior Court yesterday for a bail hearing on charges of misuse of credit card and theft. He is being kept on a $1,000 cash bail. Preliminary hearing is on Sept. 3.

Saipan Tribune learned that Buniag resigned from Customs after police began investigating the matter.

Police detective Israel Deleon stated in his report that a police officer was dispatched to San Jose Market on June 19, 2013, to investigate a theft complaint involving the company's credit card account.

Based on preliminary investigation, an employee of San Jose Store's sister company checked their credit card account and found six unauthorized online purchases at Amazon.com.

Deleon said he went to San Jose Market on July 1, 2013, and one of its employees told him that a Town House accountant had called her on June 18, 2013, to check how much balance they have so they could pay their utility bills.

When the San Jose Market staff went online and checked their account, she noted that purchases were made at Amazon.com and Amazon Market Place.

The staff then called the company's president and asked him if he made payments under Amazon Market Place and Amazon.com. The president denied this as he was off-island at the time.

Deleon said he interviewed a Post Office employee in Chalan Kanoa on Aug. 21, and the employee disclosed seeing Buniag retrieve a package that contained four items: sunglasses, a cell phone, a G-Shock watch, and X-Box video game.

The following day, Deleon said, he met a customs employee at the airport who confirmed that Buniag got a package at the Chalan Kanoa Post Office.

Police suspected that Buniag got the corporation's credit card account information while he was working as a customs trainee.

Last month, police arrested another customs trainee for allegedly conspiring with a minor to steal 50 cartons of cigarettes worth $2,400 from the Customs Seaport section in Lower Base. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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New law removes sunset provision for Rota, Tinian free trade zones

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law a bill that removes the sunset provision for designating 30 hectares of public lands each for free trade zones on Rota and Tinian, and at the same time allows the establishment of free trade zones in the Northern Islands.

Senate vice president Victor Hocog's (R-Rota) Senate Bill 18-15 is now Public Law 18-16.

Hocog, in an interview yesterday, said the new law encourages municipalities to come up with activities on each island that will help spur economic development and create jobs for people.

"And I would also like to thank the governor for recognizing the importance of this legislation by signing it into law," Hocog told *Saipan Tribune.*

The new law amends Public Law 12-20 by removing the 180-day requirement for the now Department of Public Lands to designate 30 hectares of public lands each for Rota and Tinian free trade zones. Saipan also has a free trade zone.

» Northern Islands will also have FTZ

The new law also requires the designation of 30 hectares of public lands "on any island in the Northern Islands not otherwise designated for a public purpose."

Free trade zones have been established as an economic tool to encourage new business, industrial and commercial activities to diversify the CNMI economy.

These activities require significant capital investment, are low labor-intensive, have negligible impact on the environment, and are compatible with tourism.

"Such businesses will attract skilled and highly paid employees, and will provide meaningful training opportunities for the citizens of the CNMI," the new law states.

Judge speeds up deadline to submit nominees for settlement fund trustee

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U. S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood expressed hope yesterday that the CNMI government and the parties in Betty Johnson's class action will agree on a single trustee who will run the settlement fund that will be created under the settlement agreement.

In the event the parties fail to agree on a single candidate, Tydingco-Gatewood said each shall submit a list of nominees no later than Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, at noon.

Objections or comments about the nominations shall be filed no later than Sept. 5, 2013, at noon, although Tydingco-Gatewood said she would prefer that they be filed earlier.

"The court anticipates it will immediately schedule a preliminary round of interviews with the nominees, and will take the parties' objections and/or comments into consideration before announcing the final three settlement candidates," she said.

Tydingco-Gatewood has decided to advance the deadline for the submission of nominees for settlement trustee, given the court's current trial schedule.

The judge's original order set Sept. 10, 2013, as deadline for submission of nominees and Sept. 16, 2013, as deadline for objections or comments about the nominees.

Because she does not want the interviews to interfere with trial time, she will schedule the interviews during the weekends, beginning with the Labor Day weekend on Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

Tydingco-Gatewood reiterated her previous order that nominees should meet the criteria: adequate credentials, available to interview with the court, and ready to accept an appointment immediately if selected.

Early this month, Tydingco-Gatewood tentatively approved the settlement agreement in Johnson's class action against the Fund and the CNMI government. The hearing on the final approval of the settlement deal is on Sept. 30, 2013.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tanapag Elementary School calendar

■ Aug. 26: Teachers and staff report to school, 7:30am to 4:30pm

■ Aug. 26 – 28, 2013: School Level PD for teachers, staff

■ Aug. 28: Parent/guardian and student orientation for kindergarten only, from 1:30pm – 2:30pm (Cafeteria)

■ Aug. 29: North East Cluster PD for all teachers and staff (7:30am – 4:30pm)

■ Aug. 30: Parent/guardian and student orientation for all (Cafeteria), 1st to 6th grade, from 9:45am to 10:45am

■ Sept. 2: Labor Day holiday

■ Sept. 3: First day of classes

Instruction starts at 8am for all elementary schools. Parents or guardians are asked to have their child or children at school before 8am but not earlier than 7:30am. Bus riders are asked to be at the designated bus stop by 6:55am. Bus pick-up time is 7am. All students will be dismissed at 2:30pm

ChaCha Ocean View sets student orientation

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that ChaCha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having an orientation for all students on Aug. 28, 2013, from 9:30am to 10:30am in the school cafeteria. Call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. ***(PR)***

NMC

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Despite the decline when compared to the fall 2012 semester, this is still an increase of about 50 percent from fall 2009 and a 19-percent rise from the fall 2010 semesters, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Based on these numbers, NMC believes that it will still post strong enrolment totals this semester.

"Although enrollment numbers are slightly down from last year, NMC continues to post strong enrollment numbers. And, registration for the Sept. 16, 2013, classes will be ongoing until the second week of September, which means that enrollment for this semester may continue to increase," said Student Services dean Leo Pangelinan.

He attributed the strong enrollment numbers to several factors.

"We have stepped up the way we engage prospective students through various activities through the College Access Challenge Grant Program, including the Start Smart Seminars held last year on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian," said Pangelinan.

The college also had multiple information sessions where NMC asked current students to share their experiences with the community. It also hosted the highly successful Cash for College Seminar, which aims to help students find financial assistance to pay for their college expenses. More than 400 students attended the last Cash for College event.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., stressed yesterday that while NMC enrolls students who are pursuing college degrees, the college also administers many other noncredit programs for educational and professional enrichment.

"While it is important that we look at the number of students served under our credit programs, it is equally important that we look at the numbers served in our non-credit programs like the Community Development Institute and the Adult Basic Education Program. In the last few years, the college served thousands of individuals in these non-credit programs," she said.

Hart also noted that the college received an overwhelming response to the announcement of its Workforce and Apprenticeship Program, as close to 300 students are in attendance for the first series of classes that were held on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

According to Dave Attao, dean of Administration and Resource Development who oversees that workforce development program at NMC, "This is just the beginning; we are expecting additional enrollees for the next sessions as we expand classes and training opportunities."

The first series of workshops, titled "Workforce L.I.F.E." and developed for CNMI residents and eligible U.S. citizens, began earlier in August at NMC's campus in As Terlaje, as well as on NMC instructional sites on Rota and Tinian. The workforce development initiative provides participants a Lead Into Future Experiences (L.I.F.E) and aims to prepare youth and adults to be prepared and trained for meaningful careers.

"The workshops that have been organized are modeled after the U.S. Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Program's Pathways Pledge that focuses on three areas a person needs to develop while preparing for a career," added Attao.

AYUYU

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Senate session "since his resignation does not take effect until Oct. 7 and he's not suspended by the Senate."

Ayuyu, 48, is awaiting his Nov. 8 sentencing in connection with smuggling endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan and obstruction of justice. He was in jail since Dec. 17, 2012.

He faces 33 to 41 months in prison. His term as senator ends in January 2015, way before the end of his possible prison term.

Right now, the Legislature and the administration are awaiting the court's decision on a certified question.

The court answer to that certified question would resolve the issue of whether Gov. Eloy S. Inos should appoint the next vote getter among Rota senatorial candidates in the 2009 or 2012 elections, should a Rota senatorial seat becomes vacant.

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While the CNMI's first impeachment resolution was defeated by former governor Benigno R. Fitial's allies in the 17th House of Representatives, that paved the way for voters to wipe out most of the pro-Fitial candidates in the 2012 elections. It allowed pro-impeachment candidates to dominate that election, making it easier for them to introduce and pass a second impeachment resolution against Fitial.

The rest was history.

Fitial became the first governor to step down in the CNMI and in any U.S. territory, days after the House approved the impeachment. He resigned days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

It was on Aug. 27, 2012, when seven members of the 17th House of Representatives' minority bloc led by Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), now speaker, prefiled House Resolution 17-111.

That historic initiative listed 16 articles of impeachment against Fitial, including five acts of corruption, seven acts of neglect of duty, and four commissions of felonies.

Sablan said many in the community felt government corruption was rampant and unprecedented in CNMI history.

"The House minority believed it was something that needed to be done to put a stop to everything that was going on and to do that, the governor had to be removed because he was at the center of what's going on. No matter what we do, if he remained in control, all those things will continue," he said.

The defeat of that first impeachment resolution only further galvanized people who were already fed up with corruption and lack of transparency in government.

"We knew what the mandate of the people was and the results of the election justified the term," he said.

When the new members of the 18th Legislature came together, including new ones and returning lawmakers who pushed for or supported impeachment, Sablan said each was reminded of their role and responsibility.

"That is, to not lose sight of why we're here and for who. We are here for the people. The main problem during the previous administration was that officials lost sight of their purpose to protect and advance the interest of the people, and instead protected the interest of only a few," Sablan said.

He said officials always have to be held accountable for their actions.

"And we have to move forward without forgetting that we're here for the people," he added.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), also among the seven authors of the original impeachment resolution, said the events of the past reminded everyone of the system of "checks and balances" in government.

"It's important that people understand this system of checks and balances, that they can participate in the process," Tebuteb said.

Besides Deleon Guerrero, Sablan, and Tebuteb, the four other House members who prefiled the original impeachment resolution were Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), now vice speaker; former representative and now senator Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan); and Reps. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) and Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian).

Ed Propst, one of the strongest advocates for a corruption-free and transparent CNMI government, said yesterday that "the CNMI still has a lot of room for improvement, but things are getting better."

He said the last election proved that the people of the CNMI overwhelmingly supported the impeachment of the former governor, "and that they were sick and tired of corrupt scams that were created to enrich a few con men while bankrupting the rest of us."

"What I am learning is that politics really does make strange bedfellows, and today's ally could be tomorrow's enemy. But as long as you stick to your core values and principles and embrace transparency, accountability, and fairness, then you can never go wrong. I believe our voters will continue to hold our leaders accountable, and if our leaders mess up, then they will simply be voted out of office," Propst said.

Fitial's resignation on Feb. 20, 2013, resulted in then lieutenant governor Eloy S. Inos ascending to power.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said, "The Inos administration has not and will not dwell on the impeachment issue that has come and gone."

"The right thing to do for the people is for this administration to carry out its duties and responsibilities. And that is the focus of the governor and lieutenant governor. What we have today is an administration that works day in and day out in pursuit of a better future—one that is exerting all its efforts on addressing the economy, Retirement Fund, health care, education and utilities," he said.

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said he is tasked to help find ways to reduce government spending without sacrificing public service.

"I believe the House and Senate can function even with a reduced number of lawmakers, based on my experience as a lawmaker," the freshman lawmaker said.

The CNMI's population has gone down to 53,883 as of 2010, from 69,221 in 2000 based on the latest U.S. Census.

As of yesterday, there's no telling whether an islandwide election for House members would also be part of the initiative that is being drafted.

This initiative seeks to amend the NMI Constitution's Article 2 sections.

Based on Leon Guerrero's initial plan, the initiative would ask voters whether they want to reduce the number of senators from nine to six—or from three senators each for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to only two on each island.

Leon Guerrero, who chairs the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee, said his initial plan is to ask voters whether they want to reduce the number of House-Saipan members from 18 to 10.

He seeks to maintain one House member each for Rota and Tinian.

"Based on my preliminary plan, there would be two representatives for each of the five Saipan precincts," he said.

This means regardless of the size of each Saipan precinct, their representatives will be limited to two.

This will impact mainly Precincts 1 and 3, where there are six representatives each because they have the biggest population size among precincts on Saipan.

Precinct 3, the largest with 15,624 based on the 2010 U.S. Census, covers San Antonio, Koblerville, As Lito, Chalan Piao, Dandan, and parts of San Vicente, among other villages.

Precinct 1 is not far behind, with a population of 15,160. Its villages include Garapan, San Jose, Puerto Rico, Navy Hill, China Town, Gualo Rai, and portions of Capital Hill.

House minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan), meanwhile, said the two-lawmaker-per-precinct concept is an "interesting" one and understands the rationale behind it.

"However, as proud citizens of the United States, we pride ourselves with the idea of representing our people—one man, one vote. And it shall be equal for all. Saipan as is right now is underrepresented. Lessening the number of representatives will only tip the unequal scale even more," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune.*

Camacho, who was among those who voted "no" to a similar initiative last year during the 17th Legislature, said it will take a lot more creative redistricting in order to provide for fairness and equality for all.

"The number of House members can be reduced, but just lessening the [number] of House members is not the way. We need to provide for equality across the entire CNMI in all senatorial districts as well," he said.

Camacho said that being a representative of one of the smaller precincts, he understands the difficulties they face every day.

"But we must do it the right way," he added.

Both Leon Guerrero and Camacho are from Precinct 4, which has the smallest population among all Saipan precincts, with only 3,847 people. It covers Tanapag, San Roque, As Teo, and Marpi, among other areas.

Leon Guerrero's plan also includes increasing the length of term for each House member, from the current two years to four years, similar to those of senators.

"It would save us more money by not conducting elections every two years," Leon Guerrero said.

Lawmakers from Precincts 1 and 3 said yesterday they would comment once the initiative is prefiled, saying the proposed numbers and rationale could still change.

Leon Guerrero's goal is to have the initiative pass the House and Senate and be placed on the ballot in the November 2014 elections.

On Aug. 3, 2012, the 17th House defeated a proposal from then representative Joe Palacios to reduce the number of lawmakers from 29 to 17.

At the time, the "yes" votes numbered only 11, shy of two votes to pass.

Six voted "no," while three were absent.

Those who opposed it said the initiative violates the CNMI Constitution, CNMI laws, the U.S. Constitution, and a recent case law.

They said it goes against the "one-man, one-vote rule" and the "Equal Protection Clause," part of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that provides that "no state shall...deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Meanwhile, those who supported the proposal said it will protect and preserve public interest by "right-sizing" the Legislature and achieving cost-savings that will go a long way in paying for other more important and more essential public services such as public health, safety, and education.

They said reducing the number of House Saipan members from 18 to 10 would result in some $1.4 million in annual savings.

The proponents of the previous initiative also said the 22.2-percent drop in the CNMI's population also supports a leaner Legislature.

NMC hires six new faculty members

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Six new full-time instructors will join the roster of instructional faculty members at the Northern Marianas College this new semester, according to Barbara Merfalen, dean of Academic Programs and Services, yesterday.

She also assured that NMC is nearing completion of its hiring process for needed instructors as majority of vacant positions have now been filled.

Prior to the start of the fall 2013 classes, the college reportedly lost nine instructors who were said to be unqualified to teach the subjects they were handling, based on a newly adopted minimum requirement policy set by the Board of Regents. These nine were either transferred to other positions where their skills can be used or they left the college.

The six newly hired instructors will be teaching business, education, health, and physical education courses. According to the college, it is also nearly done with the hiring process for additional instructors in the Language and Humanities Department.

NMC will have two new instructors for business who will teach Computer Apps and Programming; one for Health/PE; one for Early Childhood Education; and two for Language and Humanities positions.

The college expects to complete its hiring process for all instructors in the next few days. As of yesterday, NMC said that "majority of vacancies [for faculty members] have been filled."

"We have been working really hard to complete the recruitment for our new instructors. Our new faculty members all have extensive professional backgrounds and strong educational credentials and will make excellent additions to an already dynamic team of instructors at NMC," said Merfalen.

Some of these new faculty members are already teaching courses for the fall semester, while others will begin teaching next month, Merfalen said.

The college has also hired a number of adjunct faculty members who are currently teaching across various disciplines, she added.

According to Merfalen, about 20 percent of fall 2013 courses have a start date of Sept. 16, 2013. The postponement was due to the college needing more time to complete the hiring process for new instructors who meet the minimum qualifications policy; that it will provide the college an opportunity to offer additional courses and sections that will help students meet degree requirements; and students who have not registered for classes will be given more time to enroll since registration for fall 2013 will also be extended.

Although some courses have been postponed, Merfalen emphasized that the minimum required contact hours will not be affected. Contact hours refer to the amount of time that a student spends interacting directly with a faculty in the classroom.

Maui to appeal NMC decision

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Wil Maui, a long-time member of the business faculty at Northern Marianas College, said yesterday that he will appeal his recent termination from the institution.

Maui said he strongly disagrees with the accusation that he was insubordinate, leading to the termination of his employment contract.

He cited the email communications between NMC and himself, saying he was simply asking for clarification why he was being told to teach new courses only in July 2013, within a month before the semester starts, which he said is a violation of his contract. He said he was simply asserting his contractual right.

Maui was terminated on Aug. 20 for refusing to teach three new courses that NMC required him to teach at the beginning of this fall semester. He said this additional workload violates Section 3(E) of his Instructional Faculty Contract. This specifically states that, "except by request of the faculty member, no one currently employed under an Instructional Faculty Contract shall be assigned to more than two new courses in any semester. Such a faculty member shall receive a full semester's notice that he/she will be assigned a new course."

Saipan Tribune learned that with a typical teaching semester's load of 15 credit hours, faculty employed under the Instructional Faculty Contract are expected to teach not more than four different preparations.

In its notice of suspension/termination, which was signed by Business Department chair Chavel Green and concurred by NMC president Sharon Hart, Ph.D., on Aug. 20, NMC cited Maui's insubordination as the main reason for his termination.

Maui was one of nine faculty members who were earlier issued advance notices that they will be potentially affected by a new minimum qualification policy that the Board of Regents later adopted on Aug. 7.

Based on the termination letter, Green stated that Maui refused to teach the courses assigned to him—an act of insubordination that also constitutes non-performance of his duties.

Maui began teaching computer application classes at NMC as an adjunct instructor in 1992 while employed full-time at the CNMI Department of Commerce. In 2002, Maui was hired as a full-time computer applications instructor at the Business Department and stayed in that position until his termination last week.

While he agrees that a policy on minimum qualification is needed, Maui disagrees, however, with the current language of the policy, the process in which the policy was developed, and the manner in which the policy is being implemented.

"The current language of the policy is biased toward academic courses taken by a faculty/applicant and does not take into consideration teaching experiences at the college level—especially experience teaching at NMC. It is primarily because of this bias that the nine faculties are being deemed unqualified to teach courses they helped developed and have been teaching for years," according to Maui.

The other contentious language in the new policy, he added, is that "the ultimate arbiter of qualification of a faculty member is the chairperson of the department in which the faculty member teaches or prospective faculty member will teach." "This language can lead to arbitrariness and abuse of power, which is happening right now," according to Maui.

He believes the policy's adoption did not follow best practices of shared governance, which is required by NMC's accrediting commission.

MINA hopes to raise $40K-plus from 2013 Green Gala

To fund its operations and current and future environmental projects, the Marianas Islands Nature Alliance is hoping to raise $40,000 in cash and in-kind contributions during its upcoming 2013 Green Gala.

MINA board members led by chair Frankie Elliptico held a news briefing yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's World Café to specifically drum up support for the non-profit organization's signature event of the year. Joining Elliptico yesterday were MINA vice chair Bo Palacios, secretary Ron Smith, and board members Fran Castro and Eleanor Cabrera.

"In order to continue our efforts to preserve and protect the CNMI's fragile environment and biodiversity, MINA needs your help. The organization is supported by project grants and most especially [by] generous contributions from local businesses and community members. The Green Gala will be our largest fundraising event of the year and it aims to raise funds to enable MINA to sustain its important work," the group said in a statement.

MINA is the leading conservation, nonprofit organization in the CNMI. The organization has already successfully implemented many projects, including the Obyan Rehabilitation Project, the Teacher Environmental Camp, the Marine Debris Prevention, Tasi Watch Project, and the Adopt-A-Bin Project, which placed recycle bins in all major beaches on the island.

In addition to great entertainment, dinner, and a variety of beverages, the 2013 Green Gala will also feature highlights from MINA's projects, a silent auction, and many other activities that promises a memorable evening.

For the record, last year's Green Gala event raised more than $40,000 in cash and in-kind contributions. Elliptico said the money raised last year was a pleasant surprise for the group and he hopes MINA will duplicate, if not exceed, that dollar figure this year.

"It was one of the most talked-about events of last year, and we hope that this year's event is even more exciting," Elliptico said.

Tickets for the 2013 Green Gala can be bought online at www.minapacific.org or by visiting the MINA office in Gualo Rai (next to the Division of Environmental Quality). You can also call 233-7333 (REEF).

While MINA has no title sponsors as of this time, the grand sponsors that have so far signed up include the Tan Siu Lin Foundation and the Joeten Charitable Foundation. Major sponsors include Docomo Pacific, Bank of Guam, and Bridge Capital Investments. There are also several event sponsors for this year. ***(Mark Rabago)***

MARK RABAGO

From left, Mariana Islands Nature Alliance chair Frankie Elliptico, vice chair Bo Palacios, and board member Fran Castro drummed up support for the non-profit group's signature event, the 2013 Green Gala, yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's World Café.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the State Rehabilitation Council will hold its FY 2013 Third Quarter General Membership Meeting on Friday, August 30, 2013 at the Napu Room, Pacific Islands Club at 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Roll Call by SRC Secretary
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of the FY 2013 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes (5/29/13)
V. Reports
A. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Committee Chairperson
B. Transition & Assistive Technology Committee Chairperson
C. Employment & Marketing Committee Chairperson
D. Housing & Transportation Committee Chairperson
E. SRC Chairperson
F. OVR Director
VI. Old Business
A. FY 2014 State Plan
B. Financial Participation Policy
C. 2013 National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)
D. E-Rehab SRC Training Series
VII. New Business
A. SRC Resource Plan
B. Community Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA)
C. Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) Policy
D. Expansion of Community Rehabilitation Program
VIII. Consumer Forum
IX. Announcements/Miscellaneous
X. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require reasonable accommodations are asked to call in and make their requests known two (2) days before the meeting. For more information, please contact Elvira Seman at 322-6537/8 (voice) or 322-6449 (TTY).

/s/ Isidro K. Seman
CHAIRPERSON

Historic sites found enclosed in Rota's wildlife conservation area

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REPORTER

Members of the Historic Preservation Office's review board wants to take part in a "memorandum of agreement" being hammered out for a wildlife conservation project on Rota that the board says will potentially impact some historic sites.

HPO review board chair Tom Glenn Quitugua said that since the MOA for this conservation project has not been finalized by the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Department of Public Lands, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, this is a great opportunity for HPO to come forward and seek more information about the project and the intended agreement that will formalize the plan of implementation.

Quitugua disclosed that some important sites such as the oldest Rota water cave and some latte stones have been identified within the conservation area that HPO wants to "protect" by being a party in the co-management of the site. The conservation plan is for some bird species.

"If we don't address this issue, there's no way we can co-manage [this local-federal project] where our historical sites are inside this conservation area," he told colleagues during the board's meeting on Friday, adding that the draft agreement between parties does not include language about the Historic Preservation Office or its participation.

It was learned that since development of the proposed MOA for the bird conservation area on Rota began, the HPO was never invited to the table despite its potential concerns about the project.

"[The] MOA was not finalized in excess of three years now and I was told that HPO was not invited to this agreement. Now that we're here, I want this board to be aware of the issue and take a position on this," Quitugua said, adding that DPL, under the proposed MOA, will also have to relinquish some potential homestead lands to the conservation area.

"They already have the property. Now the question is: what's the role of HPO in all this. We have significant latte stone sites inside. I am still confused why this body was not part of this issue," he said, adding that it's not too late for the agency to do its due diligence.

Quitugua said that once the conservation area is finalized, any development including homesteads will not be permitted. HPO, he said, should be allowed to survey the whole area with the assistance of the federal agency.

The HPO review board agreed to send a letter to DLNR Secretary Arnold Palacios and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to seek further information about the project and how it can participate in the MOA being finalized for the conservation area.

Trial of ex-representative Tenorio begins

The jury trial of former representative Juan Iguel Tenorio began yesterday in Superior Court, where he faces charges that he sexually abused a 13-year-old girl.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman completed the selection of seven jurors, including an alternate, who will decide the fate of the 64-year-old Tenorio.

Attorney Robert T. Torres is counsel for Tenorio.

Assistant attorneys general Margo Brown and Chemere McField are prosecuting the case.

Opening statements by the prosecution and the defense are expected to begin this morning, Tuesday.

Police arrested Tenorio in February 2013 on charges of sexual assault in the second degree, assault and battery, sexual assault of a minor in the second degree, and disturbing the peace. He posted bail.

A police detective stated that the girl told her mother on Dec. 30, 2012, that Tenorio touched her privates between May 31, 2010, and December 2010.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

Tenorio used to serve as Office of Personnel Management director. He is currently the human resource manager for Hafadai Beach Hotel. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS student orientation schedule

Marianas High School will have the following orientation schedule for incoming students:

■ Incoming 9th graders, new, and transfer students: Aug. 27, at 8:30am in the gym. Students will be getting their picture taken for their school ID.

■ Incoming 10th and 11th graders: Aug. 28, at 8:30am in the gym

■ Incoming 12th graders: Aug. 29, at 8:30am in the gym

Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to attend. Important information will be shared and schedules will be passed out. Call 237-3206 for further information. ***(PR)***

Inos is SHRM's guest speaker on Aug. 29

Gov. Eloy S. Inos will be the guest speaker of the Society for Human Resource Management Northern Marianas Chapter at the society's Aug. 29, 2013, general membership meeting. This special meeting is open to the public and will be held in Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The presentation includes lunch at a cost of $20 for SHRM members and $30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so make your reservation early by contacting Malou Jardinero at 234-6601 local 621/622 or e-mail her at malou_jardinero@tanholdings.com. ***(SHRM)***

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Joeten Motors executives Matt Deets and Peter Tenorio deliver the 2013 Ford Escape as a hole-in-one prize at the upcoming Docomo Pacific Golf Classic to Docomo Pacific's James Nelson and Pauline Johnson. The Docomo Pacific Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Mariana Country Club.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, August 30, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor of the Captain George Fleming Building, at the Port of Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (August 16, 2013)
II. CORRESPONDENCES
III. COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. Financial Affairs Committee
2. Airport Facilities Committee
3. Seaport Facilities Committee
4. Personnel Affairs Committee
IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
V. OLD BUSINESS
1. Partial Privatization of Custodial Services
VI. NEW BUSINESS
1. Fiscal Year 2014 Budget
2. Supplemental Budget Request - Airport
3. Accounts Receivables
4. Seaport Parking Analysis
5. Seaport Wharfage
6. Personnel Matters: Employment Contracts
7. Adoption of Legal Counsel Opinion on the Executive Director Position
VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION/Legal Counsel Report
X. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI August 26, 2013
Chairman, Board of Directors

Blogger: Saipan Awaodori Team improving

A blogger chronicling the Koenji Awaodori Festival in Tokyo has noted the vast improvement shown by members of the Saipan Awaodori Team during their performance this weekend.

"I saw them today [Aug. 24, 2013] and I can say they have improved a lot! This year they were all taking part just like normal members of the team, same skill and the same confidence! They were great!" wrote Robert Svärd in an email to PDM Promoters, Inc. coordinator Sonia Awa.

Svärd writes and maintains Tokyobling's Blog (http://tokyobling.wordpress.com/). He has been posting colorful updates and vibrant photos of this year's slew of Awadori Festivals in Japan.

The eight-team Saipan Awaodori Team has been performing with its mother company, Tokyo Tensuiren Group, for more than a month now. It is made up of drummers/musicians Zacarias Sakisat and siblings Mitsunobu and Ran Suzuki as well as dancers Itheyvin They, Ronald Fitipol, Cody Litulumar, Nyla Sablan, and Elisa Lazaro.

Sablan, Litulumar, and Fitipol arrived in Japan only last Aug. 11 and last weekend's performance at the Koenji Awaodori Festival was the first time the group's full complement performed together.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A member of the Saipan Awaodori Team performs at the Koenji Awaodori Festival in Tokyo this past weekend.

Siwa said the Koenji Awaodori Festival is the second biggest festival in Japan, with about 188 groups of 12,000 dancers and musicians taking part in the two-day event. A total of nine routes were set up along the shopping promenades of the streets of Koenji for the performers.

The eight Saipan Awaodori Team members are accompanied in Japan by PDM Promoters CEO and director Misako Kamata and instructor/teacher Mayumi Suzuki. The latter is a member of the Tokyo Tensuiren Group.

The Saipan Awaodori Team is expected to return to Saipan on Aug. 28.

The Awaodori Festival is held from July to August in Japan and is meant to usher the souls of ancestors during the obon season.

During the festival, groups of choreographed dancers and musicians known as ren dance through the streets, typically accompanied by the shamisen lute, taiko drums, shinobue flute, and the kane bell. Performers wear traditional obon dance costumes, and chant and sing as they parade through the streets. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Bio-sampling program measures 100,000th reef fish

On Aug. 2, the CNMI Bio-sampling Program measured its 100,000th reef fish—a goal thought impossible when the program started in late 2010.

In celebration of this important milestone, a barbecue was held at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan on Aug. 17. Those attending included Saipan-based fish vendors, Department of Lands and Natural Resource Secretary Arnold Palacios, fishery biologists from the Pacific Islands Fishery Science Center and Division of Fish and Wildlife, as well as the Micronesian Environmental Services team and their families.

The Bio-Sampling Program is an experimental public-private partnership between the Fishery Science Center, Fish and Wildlife, and Micronesian Environmental Services, a local environmental contractor.

Micronesian Environmental Services was tasked to develop a biological data collection plan for commercial reef and bottom fish landed on Saipan. The purpose of collecting this data is to assess the condition of the local fish populations and to monitor catch composition in Saipan markets. With the support of the local fish vendors, over 1,464 commercial night spear catches, comprising over 59,000 lbs, have been surveyed since the project commenced. Over 157 different species of reef fish have been identified from Saipan markets.

In addition to gathering catch statistics and size frequency data, several commercially important species were chosen for further in-depth life history studies. These targeted species include: Laggua or Redlip parrotfish (Scarus rubroviolaceus); Mafute or Emperor fish (*Lethrinus obsoletus* and *Lethrinus atkinsoni*); Tataga or Bluespine unicornfish (*Naso unicornis*), and Satmoneti pintu or Dash-Dot goatfish (*Parupeneus barberinus*). Otoliths (ear bones) and gonads (reproductive organs) are removed by MES and DFW and the biological material is shipped to the Pacific Islands Fishery Science Center for preparation and analysis.

This cake celebrates the 100,000th reef fish measured under the CNMI Bio-sampling Program.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Otoliths are used to estimating the age of fish while gonad tissue will be microscopically examined for determination of sex and reproductive maturity.

Micronesian Environmental Services acknowledges an important partner in this program—the Saipan fresh fish vendors—whose participation in this program made the goal of measuring 100,000 fish a reality. Currently, this program is funded by the Pacific Islands Fishery Science Center with supplemental funding from the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council. ***(PR)***

Wednesday is deadline to register for online courses

The deadline to register for the Public School System's online courses is this week. Register at www.goo.gl/PLCLY by Aug. 28, 2013. You will receive your course confirmations by next week when school starts. Interested and registered online students are requested to attend the school orientations listed below.

MHS

■ Aug. 27, 9am at MHS Gym: Freshmen

■ Aug. 28, 9am at MHS Gym: Sophomore and Junior

■ Aug. 29, 9am at MHS Gym: Seniors

TJSH

■ Sept. 5, 5pm to 6pm in TJSH library.

KHS

■ Aug. 27, 1:30pm to 2:30pm in KHS Cafe: Freshmen and seniors

■ Aug. 28, 1:30pm to 2:30pm in KHS Cafe: Sophomores and juniors

SSHS

■ Aug. 30, 9am to 11am: Freshmen

■ Aug. 30, 1pm to 3pm: Incoming transfers

■ All other grades, inquire with SSHS at 664-4000

RHI

■ Sept. 3 to 6: All grades during assigned online block in DE Room

CHA

■ Aug. 28, 9:30am to 10:30am at CHA Cafe: 7th and 8th

HJHS

■ Inquire with your school at 664-5075

PRIVATE SCHOOLS (SIS, GCA, MCS, and others)

■ Aug. 30, 3:30pm to 4:30pm at PSS Central Office, first floor conference room, Susupe.

Note that this orientation is different from the mandatory face-to-face meeting with your eTeacher during the first week of school (Sept. 3 to 6). Science and Algebra 2 eTeachers will be commuting to Tinian and Rota to meet with students.

For students to succeed, they must go through the Course Sites "Student Orientation: Your Path to Success," screencasts titled "Student Orientation" and "Course Navigation" from DE Lievebinder (www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=944564), and the PowerPoint from the PSS website (www.cnmipss.org/?page_id=3112). These will be displayed and counselors will be answering questions during orientation at your school. The screencast and PowerPoint is less than 5 minutes each. ***(PSS)***

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB13-DPW-165

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SIX (6) BUSHCUTTERS, TWO (2) CHAINSAWS AND ONE (1) PRESSURE WASHER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP13-DEQ-164

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"TO CONDUCT SURVEY AND FEASIBILITY STUDY OF REGULATED FACILITIES HANDLING AND STORING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **AUGUST 27, 2013** AT THE DEQ OFFICE LOCATED AT THE GUALO RAIN CENTER BUILDING, ON CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO **raymasga@deq.gov.mp** DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 AT 10:00 A.M.** IN THE DEQ CONFERENCE ROOM. **QUESTIONS** REGARDING THIS RFP MAY BE SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE TO MR. RAY MASGA, MANAGER AT (670) 664-8540 OR BY E-MAIL TO raymasga@deq.gov.mp NO LATER THAN THE **CLOSE OF BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IF IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
DIRECTOR, DEQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP13-DEQ-167

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"TO CONDUCT ASTM PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT FOR SOIL AND GROUNDWATER OF A CONTAMINATED BROWNFIELDS SITE ON SAIPAN FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **AUGUST 27, 2013** AT THE DEQ OFFICE LOCATED AT THE GUALO RAIN CENTER BUILDING, ON CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO **raymasga@deq.gov.mp** DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 AT 1:00 P.M.** IN THE DEQ CONFERENCE ROOM. **QUESTIONS** REGARDING THIS RFP MAY BE SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE TO MR. RAY MASGA, MANAGER AT (670) 664-8540 OR BY E-MAIL TO raymasga@deq.gov.mp NO LATER THAN THE **CLOSE OF BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

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/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
DIRECTOR, DEQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2013-CDA-04-RFP

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"INSURANCE FOR CDA'S PROPERTIES"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR CDA BUILDING IN OLEAI, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS OR BY FACSIMILE REQUEST TO 235-7147.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP13-JUDICIARY-161

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CNMI JUDICIARY BRANCH-GUMA HUSTISIA/IIMWAL AWEEWE/HOUSE OF JUSTICE"

THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DRIVE DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 13, 2013** AT **10:30 A.M., LOCAL TIME** AT THE GUMA HUSTISIA CONFERENCE ROOM. **ANY QUESTIONS** OR INQUIRIES SHALL BE DIRECTED TO MR. GERALD WEAVER, BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT AT (670) 236-9800 OR BY FAX TO (670) 236-9702 NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, **SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

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/S/ CHIEF JUSTICE ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
CHIEF JUSTICE

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	]	**Civil Action No. 12-0077**
vs.	]	**NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**
RAYMOND H. SAKISAT, Defendant.	]	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 31st day of January, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **9th day of September, 2013 at 10 a.m.,** at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 345 R 243, situated in Sinapalo I, Rota, containing an area of 906 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 05, the original of which was recorded 14 Mar 84 as Document No. 84-0751 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) to reject any and all bids.
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DATED this 2nd day of August, 2013.

/s / Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	)	**Civil Action No. 12-0244**
vs.	)	
JOSE F. TUDELA and FRANCES C. TUDELA, Defendants.	)	

NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 16th day of January, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **9th day of September, 2013 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 045 A 135, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 004, the original of which was recorded 26 APR 1990 as Document No. 90-1672 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

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/s / Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Brown tree snake program gets OIA funding

The Division of Fish and Wildlife's Brown Tree Snake Program, under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, has been awarded grant funding through the Office of Insular Affair's Brown Tree Snake Control Program.

DFW's Brown Tree Snake Program's mission is to prevent the spread of the brown tree snake (*Boiga irregularis)* from Guam to the CNMI. The program's mission is achieved through inspecting incoming cargo with detector dogs, monitoring all ports of entry with BTS specific traps, public outreach, and responding to snake sightings of reported brown tree snakes.

The CNMI receives over 200 commercial flights from Guam each month, and these airplanes and their cargo are inspected upon landing on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Cargo that arrives through the seaport is inspected as well, as are all military aircraft originating from Guam. The program also monitors over 150 snake traps at the airports and seaports on Saipan and Tinian, with traps soon to be deployed on Rota.

Other program activities include public awareness and outreach. A major outreach campaign was launched in the late 1990's, which became a familiar tune in the CNMI community. The jingle, "Don't give snakes a break, Call 28SNAKE" continues to be largely advertised in newspapers, magazines, radio and talk shows.

Snake identification is critical, as the snake must be immediately contained or killed to prevent movement into an area that would provide refuge and hinder the capture of the animal. The public can help fulfill the program's mission of preventing the spread of BTS. If you see a snake, kill it and then call the BTS program hotline at 287-6253 (28-SNAKE). If a snake cannot be killed, report the snake sighting immediately and a rapid response team will be sent out to the area to trap and kill the snake.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A staff of the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Brown Tree Snake Program checks a snake trap to see if it has captured a brown tree snake.

The BTS program is vitally important to the wellbeing of the Northern Mariana Islands. Brown tree snakes have been responsible for damage to Guam's electrical network, with annual repair costs in the millions of dollars, costs that get passed along to electrical consumers. Brown tree snake bites have caused medical complications to infants and small domestic animals. These snakes have also wreaked havoc with Guam's native wildlife, eating most of that island's forest birds to extinction, as well as consuming lizards and bats.

The CNMI would experience these same issues should the snakes become established here. The BTS program acts as the absolute line of defense for preventing the spread of the brown tree snake from Guam to the CNMI. It is critical that the program remains fully functional to prevent economical, public health, and environmental impacts as a result of the introduction of the brown tree snake to the CNMI.

For more information about the BTS program or to request a presentation, call 664-6014. You can also check out the Brown Tree Snake Program on Facebook. ***(DFW)***

Man who fatally stabbed brother in Calif. gets 4 years

GUAM (KUAM)—Twenty-two-year-old Zachary Tenorio was sentenced in the San Diego Superior Court on Friday to four years in prison.

In July he pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter for fatally stabbing his brother, Jonathan Jake Tenorio, in January. Zachary was in San Diego at the time for a jujitsu tournament and was staying with his brother. The two reportedly got into a drunken fight that ended tragically.

Jonathan was a Naval Academy graduate and was assigned to USS *Bunker Hill* in San Diego. Family and friends have described the two brothers as being really close.

Zachary along with several members of his family appeared before San Diego Superior Court Judge Runston Maino. KUAM spoke with his father, Joe Tenorio, via telephone who told KUAM he asked the judge for mercy. He said he told the judge that he and his family had already been sentenced to two life sentences with the loss of two of his sons and didn't want to endure a third with Zachary. Several years ago Joe lost one of his sons to a motorcycle accident and Jake earlier this year.

Joe Tenorio added that his son's attorney, the San Diego District Attorney as well as the judge acknowledged that no one really knew what happened between the two brothers that evening and as a result found it difficult to come to a conclusion in terms of the sentence that should be issued.

Although the District Attorney was asking for a seven-year sentence, the judge sentenced him to four. Joe Tenorio says however after calculating in other factors such as credit for time served, Zachary will serve only 2 years and 10 months.

Joe Tenorio tells KUAM that after Friday's hearing he and his family can now see a small light at the end of this long tunnel, "it's going to take two years to walk to the end of this tunnel but that's what we're going to do," he said. Joe. Tenorio also thanked his family and friends that stood by them during this ordeal.

BWOY scholarship applications now available

Application forms are now available for the Businesswoman of the Year Scholarship for the fall 2013 semester. The deadline to apply is Friday, Aug. 30, 2013.

The program, which is sponsored by First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* magazine, provides student scholarships at three higher education institutions in the Marianas Islands: University of Guam, Guam Community College, and the Northern Marianas College. Recent graduates from Guam's and the CNMI's high schools who are enrolling in the islands' tertiary institutions are invited to apply as well.

The scholarships are intended to promote higher education by providing financial assistance for college students in their pursuit of professional careers, and are open to both full-time and part-time students. The scholarships will be awarded based on merit, eligibility, a written essay, and financial need.

Application forms may be picked up at the financial aid offices of UoG, GCC, and NMC, at the First Hawaiian Bank branches, and the Glimpses of Guam office; or may be downloaded from www.marianas.edu. The NMC Financial Aid Office is located in Building N at the As Terlaje campus and is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.

In addition, those interested in applying for the Businesswoman of the Year Scholarship for the spring 2014 semester can submit a completed application form by Friday, Jan. 31, 2014.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email Daisy Manglona-Propst at daisy.propst@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 27, 2005

Rota, Guam warned of floods

An urban and small stream flood advisory has been put into effect for Guam and Rota until 7am today. According to the National Weather Service in Guam, the showers and thunderstorms in the vicinity of Guam and Rota have been increasing in area coverage and intensity during the past few hours. This area is associated with the developing tropical disturbance now gradually moving away from the west of Guam. "At present, the area of heavy rains has not yet reached Tinian and Saipan. If heavy rains continue spreading northward, an urban and small stream flood advisory may be needed tonight for Tinian and Saipan," reads part of the advisory, which was issued at 4:42pm yesterday.

DoF clears way for retro overtime pay

Government employees on Saipan who have lost their payroll check stubs may now use their Retirement Fund records to compute retroactive overtime payments. The Department of Finance recently passed regulations for the computation of retroactive salary adjustment payment for overtime hours earned during the pay period ending June 1, 1991 through the pay period ending Aug. 20, 1994. The regulations were proposed and published in the Commonwealth Register last month. They were adopted without changes last week after the 30-day public comment period expired. The new regulations allow the use of individual contribution records from the NMI Retirement Fund to compute the payment of overtime work rendered by current and former government employees who have not yet been paid because they cannot produce their check stubs.

August 27, 2006

Saipan-Guangzhou flights suspended

China Southern Airlines will suspend charter flights between Saipan and Guangzhou next month, the Marianas Visitors Authority announced Friday. Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino currently charters the China Southern for two flights weekly from Guangzhou. MVA board chairman Jerry Tan said the flight service has been underperforming for a while. The low load factor, high cost of aviation fuel, and low yield in fares all contributed to the airline's decision. But Tan remained optimistic that the flight will not be canceled permanently. "We hope that this is only a temporary suspension. September is traditionally a slow month for the tourism markets," he said.

CPA to extend airline incentive program for 2007

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has come up with a draft airport incentive program, allowing existing and new airlines to avail themselves of discounts for another year. Ports Authority consultant Carlos H. Salas said the program, which requires approval from the CPA board and the Federal Aviation Administration, extends the 50-percent discount for 12 months to the airlines receiving the discount. A 100-percent discount will be given to any signatory airline or any airline that will launch new weekly scheduled flights in 2007. "In the end of the second sixth month period, the discounts drops to 50 percent," he said.

August 27, 2007

Hopwood, Environmental Health Office burglarized

The Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao and the Bureau of Environmental Health Office in Navy Hill were burglarized last week, according to the Department of Public Safety yesterday. DPS spokesperson Lei Ogumoro said that on Monday at 6:57pm they received a call of a burglary and theft incident at Hopwood. Ogumoro said based on the preliminary investigation, stolen from two classrooms were two laptops, 10 to 12 ukuleles, an Olympus camera, an Enter Tech karaoke system, and eight MP3 headphones. Police discovered that one of the classroom doors was damaged.

CEC to draw ballot positions today

A lottery at the Commonwealth Election Commission today will decide the order of candidates on the Nov. 3 ballot. CEC executive director Gregorio Sablan said the drawing will be held 11:30am at the commission's office at 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill, Saipan. Similar lotteries will be conducted today on Rota and Tinian. Sablan said this is being done so the commission can publish ballots, and distribute specimen copies, for this year's election as early as possible.

NMI joins Guam youth leaders in 1st leadership conference

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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From left, St. John's student council treasurer Ray Bacalia, vice president Annette Kang, and president Eliana Yu pose with Youth Congress senators Marielle Kapileo, Kanata Omori, Maria Dizon, and Thomas Manglona II.

Student leaders from Guam's private and public schools gathered at St. John's School Gymnasium last Saturday for the first islandwide student leadership conference. Four Saipan Youth Congress senators were among the 100 students who participated in the conference held in the collaboration with the 29th Guam Youth Congress and St. John's student council.

Marielle Kapileo from Saipan Southern High School, Maria Dizon from Marianas High School, Kanata Omori from Marianas Baptist Academy, and Thomas Manglona II from Mount Carmel School were invited by St. John's student council to represent the CNMI. Youth Congress clerk Christine F. Castro accompanied the students on the trip.

» 19th CNMI Youth Congress senators attend

Island leaders participated in the conference to share their personal stories about responsible leadership.

Patricia Bennett, headmaster of St. John's School, welcomed everyone to the conference.

"All of you were elected for a student leadership position, and at the time you may have enjoyed the pride, honor, and glory. Now that the school year has started, you are starting to see the reality of the responsibility. You are starting to get the point that true leadership isn't so much about power as it is about hard work for other people," Bennett said. "I know that I am looking at the future leaders of Guam and the CNMI."

Standing in for Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo was Lt. Gov. Raymond S. Tenorio, who encouraged the students to dream, be determined, and persevere.

"Dare to dream," said Tenorio. "It's not hard to dream; what is hard to do is to achieve. It takes hard work, ownership, and responsibility for your success and failures. Build yourself strong and make yourself intelligent. The most important and final thing is to take your passion with you in everything you do."

St. John's student council president Eliana Yu told *Saipan Tribune* that the student government and faculty at her school put together the conference in just three weeks.

"We wanted to have a diverse set of student leaders for our very first leadership conference. So we invited the CNMI Youth Congress senators to participate in the training and share their experience as leaders and learn new skills as well," Yu said. "We hope that these leaders connect with each other, learn from our guest speakers, and take back the information and skills to better represent their constituents."

The student leaders were divided into five groups and placed in rooms with fellow students whom they've never met before.

The first session of the day had students working on leadership and communication skills. Student facilitators did a variety of speech and communication energizers and prompted the students to go beyond their comfort zones to recognize their strengths and weaknesses as leaders.

Kanata Omori described the conference as "an overall good experience."

"I learned how to approach people without seeming too shy or too aggressive. The main theme of the entire conference was to allow us to see the potential within ourselves, and use that potential to serve others effectively," Omori said.

Other sessions later in the day gave students tools and strategies for leading effective meetings and tips on protocol and professional etiquette.

Youth Congress Speaker Marielle Kapileo said the conference made her realize that there is more to being a leader than just guiding others.

"It takes confidence, intelligence and determination to be a good leader," she said.

"I've attended several conferences, but this one was truly a great experience. It sharpened my leadership skills," said Youth Congress floor leader Maria Dizon.

Dizon said she connected well with the other leaders at the conference. "I was surrounded by student leaders from different schools and organization and I realized that we all had something in common—we all simply want to make a difference in our community."

Dr. Debra T. Cabrera and Maria Dizon pose for a photo. Cabrera is currently the Commissioner of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. She hosted the Leadership & Communications workshop.

Kanata Omori fills out a survey at the end of the conference.

Eliana Yu welcomes over 100 students from Guam and the CNMI.

Guam Lt. Gov. Raymond S. Tenorio gestures during his inspirational remarks.

Marielle Kapileo and other student leaders brainstorm ideas for the upcoming school year.

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Justice for Bradley Manning

In sentencing Army Pfc. Bradley Manning to 35 years in prison, a military judge disappointed both the prosecution, which had sought a 60-year term, and Manning's most ardent supporters, who believe he should serve no time at all. Assuming that Manning is released on parole after a reasonable time, the sentence imposed by Col. Denise Lind strikes a reasonable balance between the damage Manning did to national security and the service he performed by exposing certain matters to public attention.

To his admirers, the 25-year-old Manning is a heroic whistle-blower who exposed official wrongdoing. Some of his disclosures, such as a 2007 video of an Apache helicopter attack that killed 12 civilians in Baghdad, support that characterization. But Manning's disclosures went well beyond that. Many of the 700,000 files the young soldier downloaded from government computers and turned over to the WikiLeaks website undermined U.S. diplomacy without providing any commensurate public benefit.

In some ways Manning is a sympathetic figure. He seems to have been motivated by a sincere, if naive, belief about the salutary consequences of spilling official secrets. For example, he apparently believed that ventilating the contents of State Department cables would usher in an era in which, as he put it, "states would avoid making secret pacts and deals with and against each other." In a poignant statement to the judge before sentencing, Manning said, "I look back at my decisions and wonder how on earth could I, a junior analyst, possibly believe I could change the world for the better."

Manning also was the victim of both mistreatment by his jailers and an overaggressive prosecution. After his arrest, he was held in virtual solitary confinement for 23 hours a day at a Marine Corps brig and sometimes stripped of his clothes, supposedly to prevent him from hurting himself or others. (Lind has reduced his sentence by 112 days because his confinement was "more rigorous than necessary.")

Even after Manning pleaded guilty to offenses that could have led to a 20-year sentence, the Army insisted on trying him on more serious charges, including "aiding the enemy," which could have put him in prison for life. Lind acquitted Manning of that charge but found him guilty of several others, including multiple violations of the Espionage Act.

Under military law, Manning may ask the "convening authority"—an Army general—to review his conviction and sentence, and there is also an appeals process. If the sentence stands, Manning could apply for parole after eight years. That would be an appropriate punishment.

Manning's supporters are urging President Obama to pardon him or commute his sentence to time served. That is both unlikely and unjustified; even if he was engaging in principled civil disobedience, Manning should face some consequences for violating the law. But if Manning is denied parole after serving several years in prison, a future president should be willing to consider clemency.

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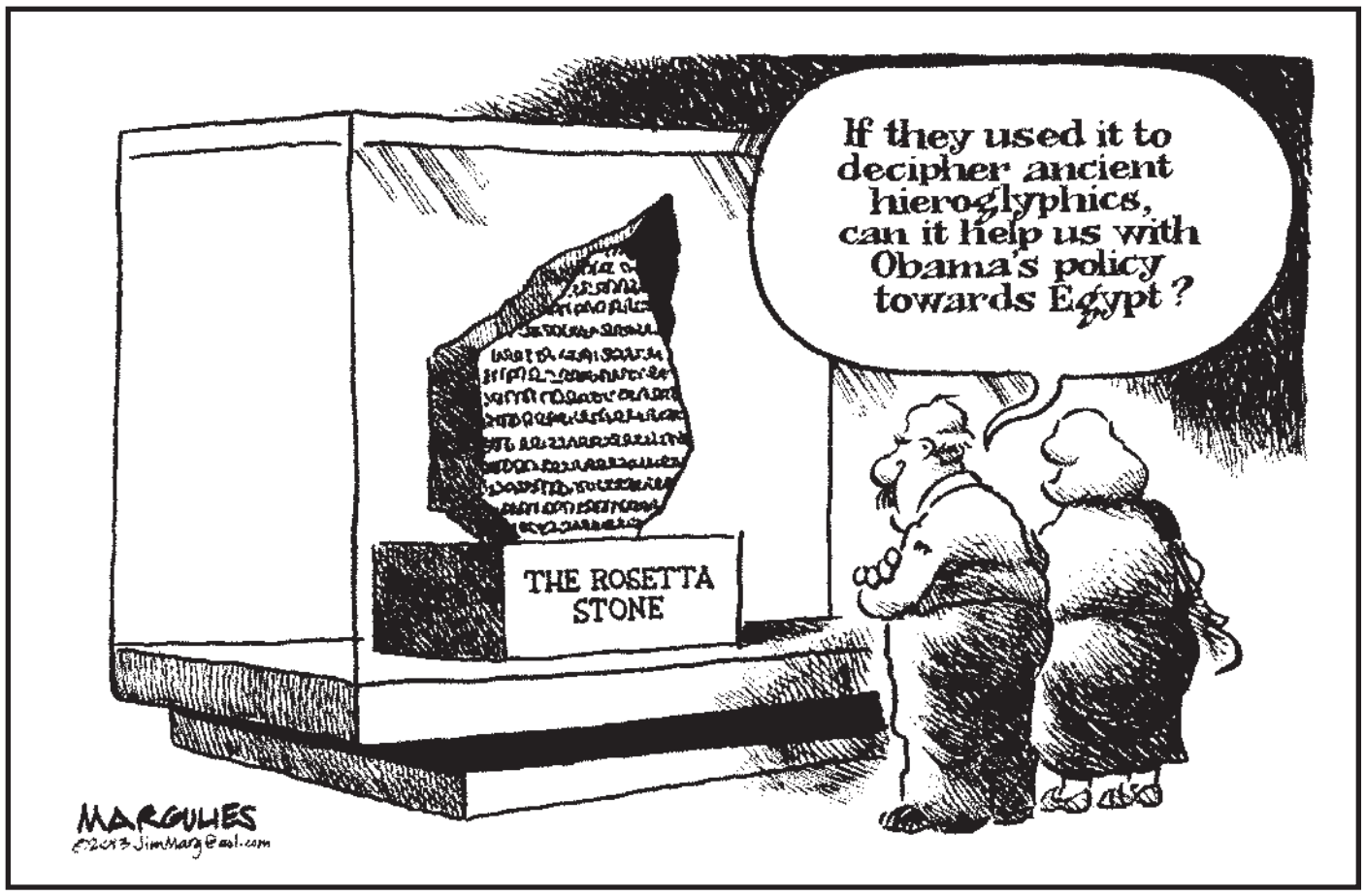
If they used it to decipher ancient hieroglyphics, can it help us with Obama's policy towards Egypt?
THE ROSETTA STONE
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At the center

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The poetry sings to the tune of *Try to Remember,* that famous Tom Jones song in the mid-'60s that even got the mellow voices of Nana Mouskouri, Andy Williams, Harry Belafonte, Ed Ames, Roger Williams, the Brothers Four, the Kingston Trio, and the lively beat of Gladys Knight and the Pips on vinyl. Jerry Orbach originally sang it on Broadway's *Fantastiks*

When you encounter
the light at the center,
the final dawn
of worlds converging.
When life's illumined
by light at the center,
assured by wisdom's
swift emerging.
When knowing's ended
in light at the center,
and life's sacred meaning
is in you surging.
Then at the center,
in blinding encounter
you be it.

What does it mean to "be it" at the center?

As it is in our Oral English in China, "encounter" is our primary pedagogical mode. Now encounter is not just saying "hello" to friends we meet, or wave at folks in encounters on the street. Encounter has more of the quality of a forceful bump that may occasion a radical shift in consciousness, a reformulating of images, which, in science, is called a paradigm shift.

The lyrics of our song were penned by kindred spirits in the '70s. As we unwind into our exit out of this page, we realize that sometimes, prose will have to give way to poetry so readers can hear us sing.

There are five directions in the Chinese language: east, west, north, south, and center. *Wu fang,* the center, qualitatively different from being in the middle, *Zhong* in *Zhongguo* (country) and *Zhongguoren* (people), is more akin to the stillness at the center of being that is our focus this week. It is from this position that one dares take the transcendent lucidity from the heights of Olympus, to the immanent intensity of the depth and profound core of being on this earth. It is the courage to care at the center of the mystery of life itself.

As you can tell, we wax poetic on the subject. Now, back to our song.

When you encounter
the peace at the center
where earthly hopes
are all transcended.
When life's unburdened
with peace at the center
where worldly cares
are all suspended.
When you're delivered
to peace at the center
for mortal foes
your hatred's ended.
Then at the center,
where no problems enter
you be it.

There's a lagoon shore bench not too far from the Oleai Center where the FHB is located, and a ledge where planters are placed at Garapan Square, where I spent late afternoons or early evenings humming my song. At the center is in the midst of ordinary existence.

When you encounter
the joy at the center,
your tingling deeps
in animation.
When you're possessed
by the joy at the center,
all things received
with affirmation.
When you are speechless
in joy at the center,
all moments brim
with wild vibration,
Then at the center,
in wonder filled rapture
you be it.

At the center, we encounter awe, we become awe-filled, and the experience is awe-some.

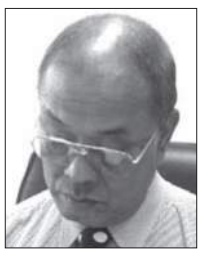
When you encounter
the life at the center,
condemned to be
a dead man waking,
When you are boundless
with life at the center,
compelled to live
on water waltzing,
When you are risen
to life at the center,
a man who is ageless
with history walking,
Then at the center,
while dancing forever
you be it.

No need to wonder. We are not dying; we are being our encounter, and we are dancing!

Fina' chaleg na biahe

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



I uttimu kobransa gi offisiat publiku siha gaige gi lamasan man-husga guihe hulu'. Ti umahñau siempre un' finaisen as San Pedro haf' bidamu para un adelanta estau man-na-mase' yan chatsaga.

Kulan hu huhuñgog haf' ineppen i boys yan girls 'an mattu este na okasion. Lamegai man-udu ya ma-aka' hila' niha, 'nos kuantos mabatbaruye lau ti ginana, mientras i tetehnan madagau i tuaya sin kuestion ya sige mañgañgas uttimu panroyu ni machiget gi betsan santatte.

'Nai man-finuegu as San Pedro, ayu ha' hohoñgga i, "Piniloghu…" ni inakompapaña ni manadan yilulog kanai yan "Ti bai' ta'lu…" I lalahe man-ma-otdin para umanana'lu kotbatan Sears Roebuck mientras beni' yan otru katchet para i famalao'an.

Ilegña un' palao'an, "Lau umes-spichyu' (speech) pot kuttura yan edukasion". Sinaulag as San Pedro, "Guaha adelantu gi kinanu' familia siha fuera de tai bali na fino'mu?" Silensiu.

Ilegña i otru, "Dañkulu na sakifisiu i sumenayu' pan dispues de serimoñas umakamu' dos lahe giya New Zealand".

Finaisen, "Un' hasñgun umabiba ennau na modun kasamientu'. Na ti ha fatinas i Saina un' lahe yan palao'an para u daña' dispues?" Mampos silensiu sa makat i asuntu ya esta duru i prohimu chumalamlam, bibuña ke kandet pachipachi'.

Ha atrebigue' unu, "Hu introduse manadan rusulusion". Fina'um tatte, "Ke lau satbasion ennau pat parehu yan un' kattamu ni tai bali?"

"Haf' bidan miyu pot fondun man-ritirau?" Silensiu pot 'nos kuantos minutu.

Man-oppe unu, "Inna' guaha kasinu para fondun i programa".

Sinablasus tatte, "Ennau uttimu nina' siñamu i para un' fogse i peble ni uttimu kebleña?" Todu man-chupun ya duru ta'lu man-chalamlam.

'Nai monhayan man-mahusga, malie' na machum i pettan i lañget. Man-kinenduse huyuñg ni un' añghet para papa' troñkun mansanita. "Apprubecha haf' siña in' kanu' guine sa' agupa' bai' esgaihon hamyu guatu gi otru potta".

Malefa i añghet tiha birague' tatte gi sigiente dia sa' miyon pot miyon na Chinu man-matai. Malachai todu i mansanita, kontodu sinisun hagun gi puntan ramas siha. Humanau i añghet dumeskansa. A` Saina!

Otru asunto-ta

Ayu i man-e'esalau pot direchun natibu (NMI descent na grupu) maputa' dos. Ala kuenta guaha dos kapitan gi un' batku. Ni unu tumuñgu' gi halom marineru haye para uma-ekuñgog.

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Marikononose ni EMO haf' na mampos homhum i tanu' pot 'nos kuantos dias. Mientras iya Fililpinas hiniga' ni fotten sinparat na uchan, malie' dispuesd ni EMO na otru klasen uchan popoduñg guine. Era, uchan fotte na dibin gobietnu miyon pot miyon pesus.

Sige ma-aligau todu klasen payu para umatampe i tanu'. Lau katkuet direksion mampos duru i simi' sientimos ya ti siña mana' para. Lau bisiu i mañan "la mañana" estake ni mona ni tatte. Hmmm! Ti sen mauleg este sa' uttmoña hita man-abende dadeg niyog. De dios mihu!

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Man-manae' abisu i membron sanpapa' na guma' para u fan mamahan pan otru biahen niha para New Zealand. I otru abisu ilelegña, "Fañaga fan gi tanu' ya in' chegue che'chu' miyu!"

■■■

I tanu' ridondu ya haf' humuyuñg kumilulog siempre u birague' tatte. Yangin un' hasñgune tinailaye gi linahyan, pues añgoghu na mas dañkulu pattemu gi mafanana'an "minaipen tautau". Maulegña tailaye ke mana' hineddan gi rimulinon este na estau.

■■■

Matuñgu' klaru na matai esta i programan man-ritirau. Ayu buente na guaha fina' kuentos na para umana' guaha State Funeral kosake offisiatmente para umapunu' i programa. I seremoñias para guatu gi Multi-purpose Building giya Susupe. U tinatiye este ni otru ladañkulu na interu otru sakan gi Nobiembre.

■■■

Esta manae' si Rep. Trenton Connor ni tautau Tinian ni lepblun geography. Pa'gu ha tutuñgu' na gaige Tinian gi lagun Saipan, ahe' ti kattan Saipan. Dios tiampare!

■■■

Man-mariseta todu membron lehislatura yan administrasion pot chenot leñgai. Era, 'an ritirada ya man-hanau papa', i sanhaya ma-a'atan; 'an hulu', parehu direksion. Ni unu lumañgag umatan i kuetpon guma' offisinan man-ritirau kulan mohon hinatme mañganite. Seguru na ti birag diskuidu mapadedese? A` Saina!

■■■

Machuga dos senadot ni duru umapañite gi hallway pot inadisgustun puestu. Ayu ha' mahuhuñgog "maulegña-yu"—para gachoñg i gobietnu otru sakan. Man-sineda' halom as Lt. Governor Jude Hofschneider ya man-sinañgane, "Dalai, trabiha gagaige ha' yu', lai." A` Saina!

■■■

'Nai mana' hanau uttimu empleau bisnis taia' (reda) gi bisinu, mattu gi hinasoghu na hombre bisnis reda pañku' kuandu menos i pumalu. Estague' na eskalera 'nai klaru talie' kuantu papa' china mafondun ekonomian i tanu'. Pot fabot, na lamafñot i kotbatan Sears Roebuck!

Mafaisen unu ni gai interes gumubietnu haf' planuña. Ilegña, "Taya' pot malagu ha' yu' gumubietnu." Atan haf' tinateña sa' machuchuda' manyomug seru! A` Saina!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The need to have local funding for public health and the hospital

Until three years ago, the Commonwealth Health Center was funded annually by legislative appropriations. The Hospital, Public Health, and Mental Health divisions were operating with funds appropriated by the CNMI government. Annual funding for the CNMI Department of Public Health, then a "line department" of the CNMI government, was in the neighborhood of $34 million.

When the CNMI Department of Public Health was re-established by legislation as a semi-autonomous entity within the CNMI government three years ago, all local funding for the new Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. was stopped—abruptly. The Hospital, Public Health, and Mental Health divisions had to immediately beg for money in order to be able to fund public health and hospital operations. All of us are aware of what happened back then. The new CHCC management literally had to scrounge for funding to be able to survive. It tried to get a loan from the Marianas Public Land Trust or obtain a line of credit from somewhere to be able to continue providing public health and hospital services, but with very little success.

The Legislature and the Executive Branch turned a deaf ear and a blind eye on CHCC. The entire chain of events at the new CHCC during its first three years was very embarrassing, to say the least. The situation took a turn for the worse when the federal government soon thereafter threatened to decertify and take away the hospital and Public Health's eligibility for Medicaid and other federal assistance and funding. But even with the threat from the feds looming, the governor and the Legislature still did not budge from their stubborn and illogical position not to provide any funding for the hospital and for Public Health services.

Fortunately, the warning by the federal government to decertify the hospital and Public Health's eligibility to receive Medicaid and to receive other federal grant assistance was lifted and the CHCC was able to breathe easier. Indeed, had it not been for the several million dollars that the CHCC receives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other assistance from the U.S. Public Health Service, local hospital and public health services would have collapsed three years ago. So with the assistance of federal government and the small revenue that the CHCC generates each year from its operations, the hospital and Public Health divisions have been able to survive, but with much difficulty still. As we all know, CHCC still needs funding from the CNMI government in order to make ends meet. Without funding assistance from the CNMI government, there remains the danger that the hospital and public health services might once again be compromised in the near future. We cannot and should not allow this to happen. Public health is probably the most important public service that the CNMI government has an obligation to provide.

There is now a bill in the Legislature where the CHCC's shortfall on needed funding will be rectified to some extent. This is the healthcare tax legislation that is intended to provide some funding that CHCC still needs in order to be able to provide hospital and other public health service for the people of the Commonwealth. None of us, including myself, likes to be taxed. I understand where the business community is coming from when it says it is not in favor of this legislation. But we need to understand that not passing this needed tax legislation may be "the straw that breaks the camel's back," in terms of providing hospital and public health services.

We also need to realize that, while many of us are healthy, so many of our people are sick. The number of our people who are being diagnosed with life-threatening non-communicable diseases (diabetes, heart problems, cancer, etc.) keeps increasing. We cannot and should not allow our loved ones to fend for themselves, especially when they are seriously ill. For our loved ones who are sick and need hospital and other health services, I have no problem being taxed for a truly worthy cause—to improve hospital and health services in the Commonwealth. Like any medicine, it does not taste good but we know that it is good for us. Please set aside our differences on this particular tax legislation, and let us join hands and support this special legislation—one that is intended to help all of our sick people. Later, when the CHCC becomes financially viable and is generating enough revenues from its operation, this tax could then be repealed.

Enfin Serafin!

Alexandro 'The Colonel' Sablan
Dandan, Saipan

Guaranteed payments

Dear Gov. Inos, lawmakers, Fund administrator, and members of the defined benefit plan: This class action suit is one of the biggest mistakes that you allowed to happen. And all of us are responsible: the board of trustees who filed for bankruptcy, the government who borrowed and didn't pay, and the members who didn't unify to defend it.

And the only way to solve it is for Gov. Inos, board members, and Fund administrator to sit down and work together. The first step is to identify the problem then come up with a solution. And when identifying the problem, you must show proof of it. For example, how many members (both retired and active members) are disabled? How many are low income? How many are high income? How many are deceased? How many dependents benefit from the Fund? Gathering all of these data will show why this settlement is unconstitutional for all DB members.

Agreeing to such a settlement without a guarantee that we will be paid later can endanger the livelihood of many CNMI residents who depend on their government for services such as health care assistance, housing, food stamp and almost everything that we need in order to live.

The way they treated members that asked for refunds is unconstitutional because many of these members worked hard too and now that it is time to retire, there is not enough money left for them to retire and all they are asking is to withdraw their money, but the judge, trustee *ad litem*, attorneys, and the government are all on one side, holding our money hostage and blackmailing us into not suing them in order to get our refund.

All active members did was work for the government for so many years. Why are they being punished? They didn't steal or cheat, they didn't file suit. They didn't file for bankruptcy. There is no proof that Betty Johnson's class action suit has the entire DB members' support. Phyllis Ain intervened but why is the judge favoring Betty Johnson? And why is the attorney general not looking into this matter or the government not explaining to everyone to understand why? You should ask Betty Johnson how many retirees are on her side, and how many are on Mrs. Ains'. Complain to the judge for the unfairness of her judgment. We should sue Betty Johnson for holding our money. The other unconstitutional judgment is the judge ordering not to refund us until we sign the waiver not to sue without an attorney present to explain the wavier before we sign.

The settlement agreement should state that they will increase payments as soon as the CNMI revenue increases. That should be guaranteed. Uniting together to solve this issue can make a difference.

Winnie Atalig
San Jose, Tinian

Thank you

On behalf of the Arizona teams ATMARAO, FIGAN and the CNMI community of Arizona, we like to thank all the individuals and businesses that had made a generous donation to hosting the Annual CNMI Labor Day Tournament. Tournament dates are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 31, and Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013, at the Big League Field of Dreams in Glibert, Arizona. Here is the link for the Big League Field of Dreams: http://gilbert.bigleaguedreams.com/

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Samantha Salas
Peoria, AZ

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°

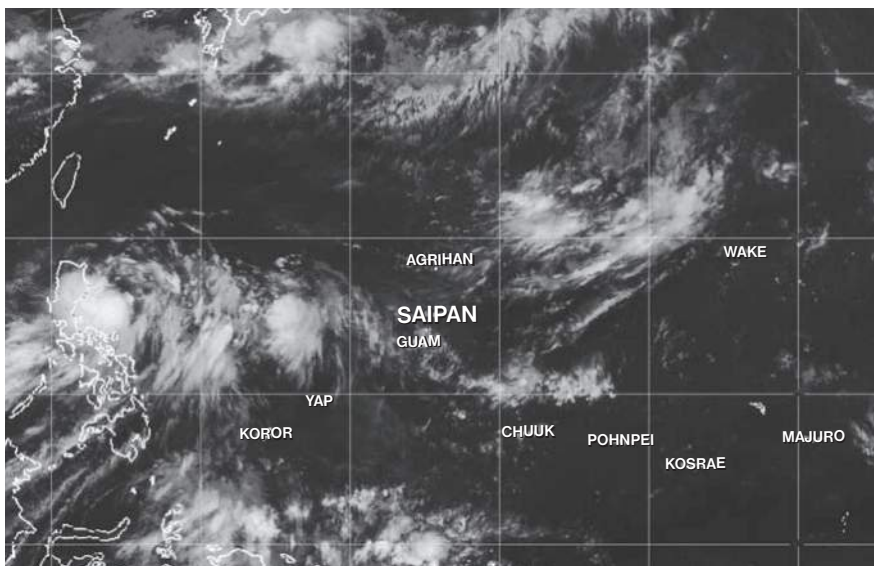
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼78
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼76
Yap	Showers	▲89	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲86	▼74
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼54
Beijing	Showers	▲90	▼69
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼81
Honolulu	Sunny	▲87	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼67
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88	▼78
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼72
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼76
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼55
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲79	▼65
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼60
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼57
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼76
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼76
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼74

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough runs eastward through 16N130E to 14N142E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen west of Guam west of a line from 19N130E to 15N143E to 10N130E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers south of Koror south of a line from 6N130E to 3N146E. An upper-level low is centered northwest of Wake Island near 23N163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of Wake north of a line from 20N153E to 17N160E to 20N164E. Upper-level troughing is triggering isolated thunderstorms east of Guam and north of Chuuk within 100 miles of a line from 12N151E to 10N157E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers east of Majuro east of a line from 9N180 to 7N174E to 4N180. Convergent south winds northeast of Wake Island are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of a line from 25N175E to 22N174E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:07 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
7:19 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
1:43 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
7:17 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:33 PM
Wednesday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:31 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:05 PM	11:20 AM
Wednesday	11:05 PM	12:11 PM
Thursday	11:52 PM	1:01 PM
Friday	12:39 AM	1:49 PM
Saturday	1:28 AM	2:35 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 10, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

OZ1077	4:50am	7:10am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

DL583	5:50am	8:30am	2, 5, 6

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ612	3:40am	7:20am	Daily
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
OZ1087	10:00pm	2:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

DL582	8:30pm	1:00am+1	1, 4, 5

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ611	9:10pm	2:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Business

Quietly, businesses help reshape US immigration debate

By ANDY SULLIVAN
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Thousands of pro-immigration protesters join a "Path to Citizenship" immigration rally in Bakersfield, California, on Wednesday, August 14, 2013.

HOUSTON—If Texas Rep. Ted Poe was looking for reassurance that backing an overhaul of U.S. immigration laws won't be political suicide for conservatives like him, he may have found it this week at a seafood restaurant on the outskirts of Houston.

During a roundtable discussion, several business executives told the five-term Republican that they can't find enough Americans willing to cook fajitas, repair sidewalks and perform other types of unglamorous work that keeps the fourth-largest U.S. city humming. A more robust guest-worker program would help, they said.

Poe told the executives he was working on a bill to tackle the problem and assured them that his fellow Republicans would help overhaul the U.S. immigration system in the coming months.

"Just doing nothing is a vote for the status quo, which is broken," Poe said of an immigration system that has struggled to deal with the estimated 11 million undocumented residents in the United States.

As lawmakers return to their home districts in the final weeks of summer, hundreds of U.S. businesses have quietly mobilized to persuade Republicans such as Poe that an immigration overhaul is broadly supported by their constituents, even if some conservative activists loudly object.

The low-key strategy by businesses, along with a decision by several conservative lawmakers to spend the month campaigning against President Barack Obama's healthcare overhaul, appears to have lowered the temperature of the immigration debate.

Public "town hall" meetings held by members of Congress this month generally have not disintegrated into the raucous, racially tinged sessions on immigration that some had feared.

As a result, many involved in the effort are cautiously optimistic that one of their top priorities of the past decade could become a reality sometime in the next year and a half—even though huge obstacles remain in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

"We're confident that this is going to get done sooner rather than later," said Glenn Hamer, president of the Arizona Chamber of Business and Industry.

Immigration reform has long been a top priority for business groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which say that current laws and regulations make it too difficult to find workers they can't recruit at home and expose businesses to a tangle of conflicting labor regulations.

Business groups mobilized an army of lobbyists to push for passage of a sweeping immigration bill by the Democrat-controlled Senate in June. The bill—backed by 14 of the Senate's 46 Republicans and all 52 Democrats—included new visa programs for foreign workers, additional requirements for employers to verify workers' legal status, billions of dollars for extra security on the nation's borders, and a 10-year path to U.S. citizenship for undocumented workers.

But the dynamics on immigration are different in the House, where many lawmakers represent uniformly conservative districts that give them little incentive to compromise.

House Speaker John Boehner says his chamber won't even vote on the Senate bill. Instead, Republicans are expected to advance a series of bills that tackle the issue in pieces.

A path to citizenship is a non-starter for most of the 233 Republicans in the 435-seat House, though a few—including Florida Rep. Daniel Webster and Illinois colleague Aaron Schock—have come out in support of the idea in recent weeks. The lobbying by businesses and other groups this summer has focused on urging House conservatives to pass a bill of their own that could emerge as the basis for compromise talks with the Senate.

Many Republicans are warming to a measure that would provide undocumented workers with some type of legal residency status, said Tamar Jacoby, president of ImmigrationWorks USA, a business group that organized the Poe roundtable. Those workers then could apply for citizenship through other means, she said.

"Can Republicans get to that path to legal status, and can Democrats accept that? That would be the makings of a sweet spot," Jacoby said.

'Friend or foe?'

The debate over immigration pits the business-friendly Republican establishment against many of the conservative Tea Party activists who helped the Republicans win control of the House three years ago.

Many individual employers have been reluctant to publicly wade into the debate for fear of alienating potential customers, organizers of the effort say.

Conservative activists, by contrast, are not afraid to kick up dust in public.

Half an hour before Poe's event this week, members of a Tea Party group unfurled signs on a freeway overpass several miles away that questioned Poe's conservative bona fides. "TED POE: FRIEND OR FOE?" one sign read.

One member of the group, dispatched to monitor the roundtable, said she worried that "the elites, the One World Order types" were winning over conservative lawmakers such as Poe.

"I'm afraid since he's gone to Congress and he's been living in that cesspool that some of that dirt has rubbed off of him," said Jeanne Hall, a Houston grandmother who worries that immigrants are taking jobs from Americans.

Poe, a former state judge who built a national reputation for handing out stiff punishments, has gone from skeptic to advocate in recent years on immigration reform.

Poe's district is now 30 percent Hispanic, up from 13 percent when he was first elected in 2004. He has argued that his fellow Republicans need to work harder to appeal to this growing slice of the electorate to remain competitive with Democrats in future elections.

Last month he repudiated comments by Iowa Republican Rep. Steve King after the immigration hard-liner said that young illegal immigrants who were brought into the country by their parents were more likely to wind up being drug smugglers than school valedictorians.

Unlike many of his fellow conservatives, Poe says tighter border security or tougher enforcement of existing laws won't solve the problem alone. He said he is undecided about how to treat undocumented workers.

"I'm not sure that the solution is. Deporting them is not the answer, but the other extreme is not the answer, saying, 'OK, amnesty for everybody here.' We can't do that, that's not in the works," he told Reuters.

Stating their case, privately

Beyond their roundtable meetings with lawmakers, some business owners are making sure they have a presence at town hall events.

After Poe's roundtable this week, Houston insurance agency owner Norm Adams planned to drive three hours to another lawmaker's public forum to ensure that opponents of an immigration overhaul weren't the only ones in the room.

"Every time we have a chance, we clearly prove that they are the minority. But they're the screamers, and the loudest," Adams said.

More often this summer, business groups are making their case behind closed doors.

In Minnesota, business executives have peppered Republican Representative John Kline with questions on immigration at several private events, said Bill Blazar, a vice president at the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

In Colorado, a group of six business executives who collectively donated nearly $500,000 to Republicans in the 2012 election, wrote a letter on July 29 to the state's four Republican House members last month urging them to support changes in immigration laws.

In Arizona, where Republicans in the state legislature have enacted one of the strictest immigration laws in the country, business leaders are arguing that a hard-line stance is not the political winner it once was.

In Texas, the state's close ties with Mexico and a sizable Hispanic population have made many business leaders especially aware of the need to do something on immigration, and the state's 24 Republican House members could play a pivotal role in the coming months. Reps. Sam Johnson and John Carter have worked for months to craft a compromise with Democrats, while Poe and others plan to push legislation on various issues.

Poe said he had heard a range of opinions from his constituents in recent weeks, from those who back the Senate plan to those who want to deport all of the nation's 11 million undocumented residents. But he had not heard anything to sway his conviction that the issue must be addressed.

"There are those who with vocal rhetoric really don't want anything fixed," he said. "But immigration has been broken for a long time."

Facebook aims to get the world online

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg wants to get all of the world's 7 billion people online through a partnership with some of the largest mobile technology companies. He says the Web is an essential part of life, and everyone deserves to be connected, whether they live in Norway, Nicaragua or Namibia.

"The Internet not only connects us to our friends, families and communities, but it is also the foundation of the global knowledge economy," Zuckerberg wrote in a paper posted to his Facebook page. The title asks "Is Connectivity A Human Right?"

Of course, connecting more people to the Internet is the kind of philanthropy that would create more potential Facebook users, which would also help boost the company's bottom line.

"There's nothing wrong with that," said Fordham University communications professor Paul Levinson, author of "New New Media."

"I think it is actually a profoundly important human right in the 21st century to have access to the Internet."

To get there, Facebook Inc. on Wednesday announced a partnership called Internet.org. It includes the world's biggest social network, plus Korean electronics giant Samsung, Finnish handset maker Nokia and wireless chip maker Qualcomm Inc. More companies are expected to join.

Facebook said the group's goal is to "make Internet access available to the two-thirds of the world who are not yet connected"—about 5 billion people.

According to research group Internet World Stats, about 16 percent of Africa's population is online, compared with 28 percent in Asia, 43 percent in Latin America and the Caribbean and 79 percent in North America.

Nation

US overhauls process for recognizing Indian tribes

KENT, Connecticut (AP)—His tribe once controlled huge swaths of what is now New York and Connecticut, but the shrunken reservation presided over by Alan Russell today hosts little more than four mostly dilapidated homes and a pair of rattlesnake dens.

The Schaghticoke Indian Tribe leader believes its fortunes may soon be improving. As the U.S. Interior Department overhauls its rules for recognizing American Indian tribes, a nod from the federal government appears within reach, potentially bolstering its claims to surrounding land and opening the door to a tribal-owned casino.

"It's the future generations we're fighting for," Russell said.

The rules floated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, intended to streamline the approval process, are seen by some as lowering the bar through changes such as one requiring that tribes demonstrate political continuity since 1934 and not "first contact" with European settlers. Across the country, the push is setting up battles with host communities and already recognized tribes who fear upheaval.

AP

In this Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013 photo, Alan Russell, chairman of the Schaghticoke tribe stands on the reservation land in Kent, Conn.

In Kent, a small Berkshires Mountains town with one of New England's oldest covered bridges, residents have been calling the selectman's office with their concerns. The tribe claims land including property held by the Kent School, a boarding school, and many residents put up their own money a decade ago to fight a recognition bid by another faction of the Schaghticokes.

Members of the state's congressional delegation also have been in touch with the first selectman, Bruce Adams, who said he fears court battles over land claims and the possibility the tribe would open its own businesses as a sovereign nation within town boundaries.

"Everybody is on board that we have to do what we can to prevent this from happening," he said.

The new rules were proposed in June by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which invited public comment at hearings over the summer in Oregon, California, Michigan, Maine and Louisiana. President Barack Obama's administration intends to improve a recognition process that has been criticized as slow, inconsistent and overly susceptible to political influence.

Federal recognition, which has been granted to 566 American tribes, is coveted because it brings increased health and education benefits to tribal members in addition to land protections and opportunities for commercial development.

Tribes have been pushing for years for Congress or the Interior Department to revise the process.

"I am glad that the Department is proposing to keep its promise to fix a system that has been broken for years, leaving behind generations of abuse, waste, and broken dreams," wrote Cedric Cromwell, chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in Massachusetts, which was recognized in 2007.

The new rules will create tensions for host communities and some recognized tribes, according to Richard Monette, a law professor and expert on American Indian tribes at the University of Wisconsin. Tribes along the Columbia River in western Washington state, for instance, will be wary of a new tribe at the river's mouth gaining recognition and cutting into their take of salmon. Tribes elsewhere fear encroachment on casino gaming markets.

The salmon-harvesting Muckleshoot Indian Tribe in Washington state argues the new rules seem to lower the threshold for recognition. Tribal chair Virginia Cross wrote to the Interior Department that the changes, if approved, would lead to acknowledgment of groups of descendants who "have neither a history of self-government, nor a clear sense of identity."

In Connecticut, recognition has meant an entry into lucrative gaming markets. Russell, 67, said his 100-member tribe wants its own casino but not on its 400-acre (162-hectare) reservation ringed by the Appalachian Trail. A business consultant for the tribe, Bill Buchanan, said it has spoken with potential investors and, assuming it wins recognition, would like to swap some land, team up with one of Connecticut's bigger cities and perhaps build a casino along a highway.

A rival faction of the tribe, the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, is hoping the new rules breathe life into its own parallel bid for recognition. The larger STN had the backing of Subway founder Fred DeLuca, who was interested in building a casino in Bridgeport, and it won recognition in 2004. But that decision was reversed after state officials argued the tribe had gaps in evidence related to its historical continuity.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal said Connecticut's congressional delegation is united against changes that he said would have far-reaching ramifications for several towns and the entire state.

Supporters of the rule change say it helps to remove unfair burdens. Judith Shapiro, an attorney who has worked with several tribes on recognition bids, said some have lost out because records were lost or burned over hundreds of years, and any tribe that was still together by 1934 had overcome histories of mistreatment and pressure to blend in with mainstream society.

The Schaghticoke reservation dates to the mid-1700s, but it has been carved up to a tenth of its original size. As recently as 1960, Russell said, the town fire department would come out to burn down homes on the reservation when tribal members died to prevent others from occupying them.

When Russell's own house burned down in 1998, however, the townspeople from across the Housatonic River helped him to rebuild. Russell, who grew up hunting and fishing on the reservation, said if the tribe wins recognition it can work something out with the town on the land claims.

"That's what I want them to understand," he said. "We're not the enemy."

Private lobbyists get public pensions in 20 states

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—As a lobbyist in New York's statehouse, Stephen Acquario is doing pretty well. He pulls down $204,000 a year, more than the governor makes, gets a Ford Explorer as his company car and is afforded another special perk:

Even though he's not a government employee, he is entitled to a full state pension.

He's among hundreds of lobbyists in at least 20 states who get public pensions because they represent associations of counties, cities and school boards, an Associated Press review found. Legislatures granted them access decades ago on the premise that they serve governments and the public. In many cases, such access also includes state health care benefits.

But several states have started to question whether these organizations should qualify for such benefits, since they are private entities in most respects: They face no public oversight of their activities, can pay their top executives private-sector salaries and sometimes lobby for positions in conflict with taxpayers. New Jersey and Illinois are among the states considering legislation that would end their inclusion.

"It's a question of, `Why are we providing government pensions to these private organizations?'" said Illinois Democratic Rep. Elaine Nekritz.

Acquario, executive director and general counsel of the New York State Association of Counties, argues that his group gives local government a voice in the statehouse, and the perk of a state pension makes it easier to hire people with government expertise.

"We want the people that work in local governments to continue to be part of the solution," he said. "We represent the same taxpayers."

The debate is more about principle than big money, since the staffs of such organizations are relatively small and make barely a ripple in huge state retirement systems. The eight New York associations, for example, have fewer than 120 total employees out of 633,100 current workers in the state's $158.7 billion pension system. Still, the issue raises a public policy question as many states and taxpayers struggle to fund their pension obligations required by law.

"There is liability for taxpayers," said Keith Brainard, research director of the National Association of State Retirement Administrators.

US divide over religious breaks on gay marriage

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The intensifying battle over gay marriage in the United States is energizing religious groups that oppose same-sex relationships—but also dividing them.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court gave married gays and heterosexuals equal status under federal law, but did not declare a nationwide right for gays to marry, setting the stage for state-by-state decisions. So faith leaders are forming new coalitions and preparing for the legislative and courtroom battles ahead.

Yet, traditional religious leaders, their supporters and the attorneys advising them are divided over strategy and goals, raising questions about how much they can influence the outcome:

■ Several religious liberty experts say conservative faith groups should take a pragmatic approach given the advances in gay rights. Offer to stop fighting same-sex marriage laws in exchange for broad religious exemptions, these attorneys say. "If they need to get those religious accommodations, they're going to have to move now," said Robin Fretwell Wilson, a family law specialist at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Critics reject the idea as a premature surrender.

■ Religious leaders lobbying for exemptions can't agree how broad they should be. A major difference is over whether for-profit companies should qualify for a faith-based exception.

■ Some religious liberty advocates and faith leaders are telling houses of worship they could be forced to host gay weddings, with their clergy required to officiate. The Louisiana Baptist Convention is advising congregations to rewrite their bylaws to state they only allow heterosexual marriage ceremonies, and the Alliance Defending Freedom, a religious liberty group that opposes same-sex marriage, is advising the same. But legal experts across a spectrum of views on gay rights say it can't happen given strong protections for what happens inside the sanctuary under the First Amendment of the Constitution, which guarantees religious freedom.

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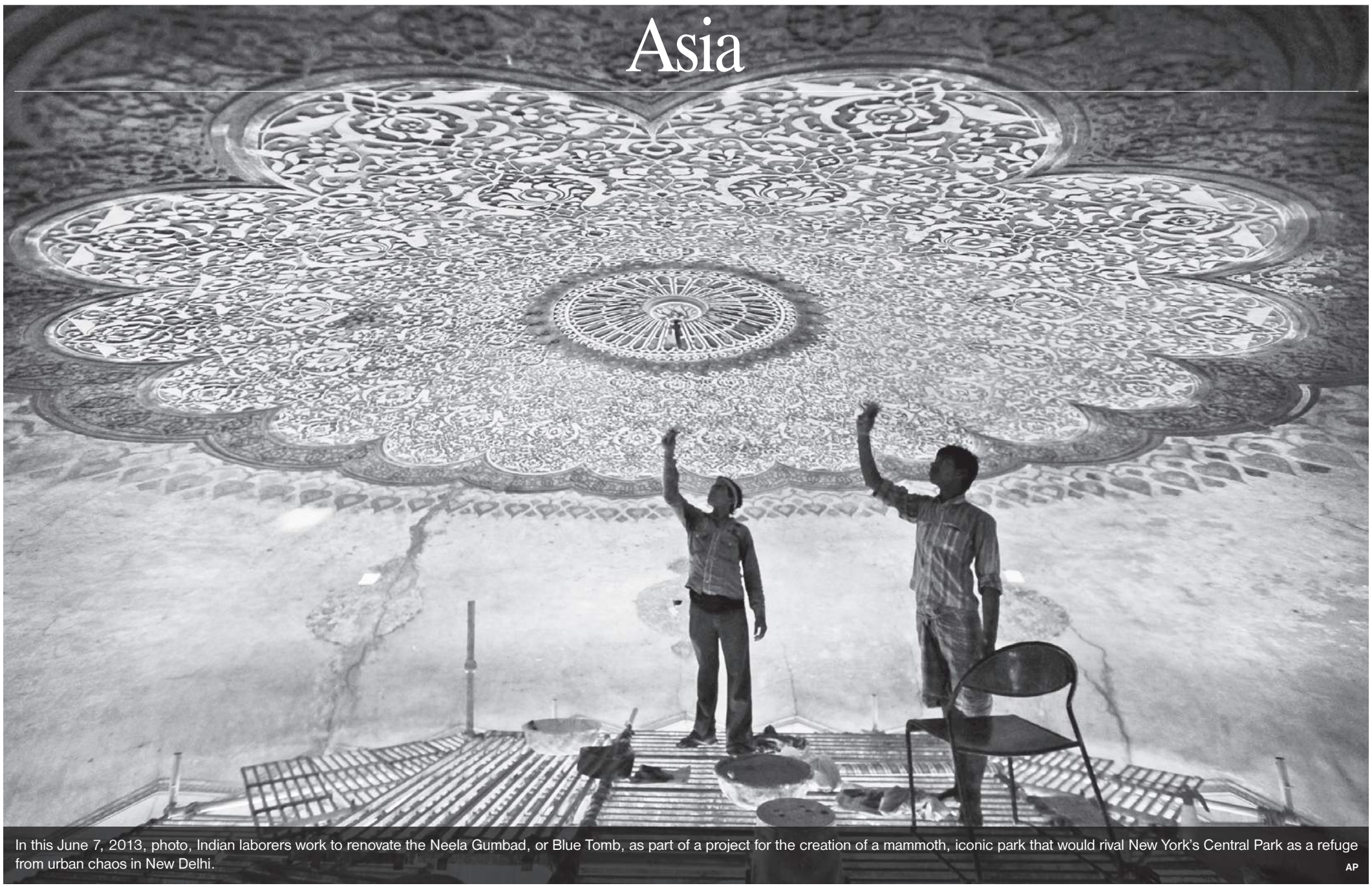

In this June 7, 2013, photo, Indian laborers work to renovate the Neela Gumbad, or Blue Tomb, as part of a project for the creation of a mammoth, iconic park that would rival New York's Central Park as a refuge from urban chaos in New Delhi. AP

Dreamers work to create huge new park in Delhi

NEW DELHI (AP)—In a tangle of forgotten, overgrown brush in the heart of India's capital, a quiet plan has been hatched to change the landscape of one of the world's most populous cities.

An intricate Mughal garden is being created. Crumbling sandstone tombs nearly lost to history are being rebuilt. An artificial lake is being carved out. The renovation of Sunder Nursery is intended to serve as the catalyst for an even more ambitious project: the creation of a mammoth, iconic park that would rival New York's Central Park as a refuge from urban chaos.

"It would be the place where the city descends. It would be an oasis," said Ratish Nanda, project director for the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, and the driving force behind the dream of a mega-park.

To create that park would require the merger of a string of adjoining gardens, heritage areas and a zoo administered by different government agencies, an incredibly complicated task in a land where bureaucratic turfs are fiercely protected. And though some officials are beginning to discuss the plan, no formal proposal has been formulated.

But sometimes in India, it takes tenacious dreamers like Nanda to achieve the seemingly impossible.

Nanda and the Aga Khan Trust have taken on seemingly impossible tasks before. They helped wrest a 17 acre compound in the area, along with a large monument, from India's version of the Boy Scouts. They are currently fighting with railways officials to get them to remove a storeroom blocking access to another monument.

"One single man has to be there, to strive, to go out and achieve this," said Ashok Khurana, a powerful supporter and the recently retired head of Delhi's Central Public Works Department, one of the many agencies that would need to work together to create the giant park.

The payoff would be considerable. Delhi, with a population of about 17 million, is a surprisingly green city, with small parks dotting many neighborhoods and Lodhi Gardens—with a clutch of crumbling monuments of its own—attracting speed walkers and picnickers in upscale south Delhi.

The mega-park would tower over them all.

It would be 480 hectares (1,200 acres), considerably larger than Central Park. It would have 100,000 trees of more than 300 species, Nanda said. It would encompass one of the most impressive collections of medieval Islamic monuments, anchored by the grandiose tomb of Emperor Humayun, a 16th Century prototype for the Taj Mahal. It would have an ancient fort, a Buddhist stupa, flocks of exotic birds and white tigers in the zoo.

Nanda imagines families rolling out carpets on the grass in the winter and enjoying a book in the shade of a tree in the summer. He imagines people touring the tombs or just crossing the park on their daily commutes.

The heart of the dream is the restoration of Sunder Nursery, a 40-hectare (100-acre) field adjacent to Humayun's Tomb, both of which are being restored by the Aga Khan's trust. The nursery was founded by British colonists to grow experimental plants. In recent years it was barely functioning, became a dumping ground for construction waste, and was visited by a few hundred people a month.

The trust fought back a government plan to cut the nursery in half—and destroy a garden tomb—to make way for a major road planned for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, Nanda said. It had to remove 1,000 truckloads of construction rubble scattered about the fields.

It restored the 500-year-old Sunderwala Burj tomb from a gray building patched with concrete to the striking burnt orange sandstone and white lime mortar of its original design. A dozen other monuments in the nursery stand testament to the era, half a millennium ago, when the Islamic Mughal emperors from Central Asia ruled over a vast swathe of the Indian subcontinent.

The Sunderwala Burj stands at the entrance to a Mughal garden being built under the inspiration of Persian carpet designs, with squares of grass and flower beds bordering a thin pond that will send water flowing into narrow channels and over intricately carved stone patterns.

Nearby, workers have dug a reservoir to be filled with fish swimming in water from a specially built treatment plant. That water will also flow through streams into areas forested with plants from Delhi's different habitats. There is an amphitheater and a bonsai pavilion and plans for a restaurant.

Peacocks wander through the thick grass, one of the 56 bird species in the nursery.

Thousands of Filipinos protest against corruption

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Tens thousands of Filipinos have gathered in protest at a Manila park to call for the scrapping of a corruption-tainted development fund that allows lawmakers to allocate government money for projects in their districts.

A government audit of the fund found last week that $141 million allocated over a three-year period was released to questionable aid groups and ghost projects identified by lawmakers as beneficiaries

That prompted calls on social media for Monday's protest in Rizal Park, where police say 60,000 have gathered. Similar protests are being held in a dozen other cities across the country.

Some protesters carried placards saying "Senators, you should be ashamed of yourselves." Others wore pig-shaped hats, or wore shirts calling for the abolition of the fund.

Prosecutor urges 'severe' sentence for China's Bo Xilai

JINAN, China (AP)—A prosecutor urged a Chinese court Monday to punish disgraced politician Bo Xilai with a severe sentence because of his lack of remorse over alleged corruption and abuse of power, in a trial that has offered a glimpse into the shady inner workings of China's elite.

The proceedings, aimed at cementing Bo's political downfall and wrapping up the scandal set off by his wife's murder of a British businessman, have provided what prosecutors said Monday was adequate proof of Bo's guilt.

"The defendant's crimes are extremely grave, and he also refuses to admit guilt. As such, the circumstances do not call for a lenient punishment but a severe one, in accordance with the law," the prosecutor said, according to a transcript of court proceedings.

Four days of testimony ended Sunday, with Bo assailing his former right-hand man, much as he had done previously to his wife, the other key witness to testify against him. The trial resumed Monday to hear closing arguments.

The court heard allegations over the weekend that Bo abused his power as the Communist Party secretary of the southern megacity of Chongqing to block an investigation into the Briton's murder, as well as to hide his aide's embarrassing flight to a U.S. consulate.

Bo told the Jinan Intermediate People's Court that Chongqing police chief Wang Lijun, "constantly lied in his testimony." He said Wang, his former close aide, was "a person of very vile quality, who lied in court and muddied the waters."

World

Syria agrees to UN chemical weapons investigation

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Syria agreed Sunday to a U.N. investigation into last week's alleged chemical weapons attack outside Damascus—a deal a senior White House official dismissed as "too late to be credible," saying the United States has "very little doubt" President Bashar Assad's forces used such weapons.

The hardening of the U.S. position came as calls for military action grow. In a sign the U.S. may be a step closer to an armed response, naval forces have already been dispatched toward Syria's coastal waters, although President Barack Obama has cautioned against a hasty decision.

With France, Britain, Israel and some U.S. congressmen urging swift military action against Assad's regime if the use of chemical agents is confirmed, the U.N. team's conclusions could have a dramatic impact on the trajectory of the country's civil war.

The agreement struck in Damascus calls for U.N. experts already in the country to begin an investigation Monday into the suspected chemical attack on rebel-held areas in the capital's eastern suburbs.

Anti-government activists and Doctors Without Borders say that more than 300 people were killed in an artillery barrage by regime forces Wednesday that included the use of toxic gas. The government calls the allegations "absolutely baseless."

The suburbs hit in the suspected chemical strike, collectively known as eastern Ghouta, are under the control of rebel fighters, and regime artillery and warplanes have pounded the area for days. The U.N. inspectors will have to traverse through both government-held and opposition-controlled turf to conduct their probe. Rebels have said they will help facilitate the visit.

Under Sunday's agreement with the U.N., the Syrian government "affirmed that it will provide the necessary cooperation, including the observance of the cessation of hostilities at the locations related to the incident," U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said in a statement.

AP

Black columns of smoke rise from heavy shelling in the Jobar neighborhood, east of Damascus, Syria, Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013.

In Washington, a senior administration official said the U.S. has "very little doubt" that regime forces used chemical weapons in Wednesday's attack, an assessment that was "based on the reported number of victims, reported symptoms of those who were killed or injured" as well as witness accounts and facts gathered by the U.S intelligence community.

The official, who insisted on anonymity because of lack of authorization to speak publicly about the developments, was dismissive of the Syrian government's agreement to grant access to the U.N. team, saying it was "too late to be credible."

The regime's continuing shelling of the site would have "significantly corrupted" any available evidence of chemical weapons, the official said.

The U.N. team was in Syria to look into three earlier suspected chemical attacks, with a mandate to determine whether such weapons were used, not who was responsible for unleashing them. There was no indication that the mission's brief had been expanded to assess who was behind Wednesday's attack.

Even as the pressure mounts for a strong international response, there is no guarantee that foreign powers will take action if the U.N. confirms chemical agents were used. But the scale of the attack makes this instance far harder to ignore than previous suspected cases.

WORLD BRIEFS

Insurgent attacks in Iraq kill at least 46

BAGHDAD (AP)—Insurgents bent on destabilizing Iraq killed at least 46 people in numerous attacks scattered around the country on Sunday, striking targets as varied as a coffee shop, a wedding party convoy and a carload of off-duty soldiers. The attacks are part of a months-long wave of killing that is the country's worst spate of bloodshed since 2008. The violence is calling into question the security forces' ability to protect the country and raising fears that Iraq's sectarian and ethnic divisions are pushing it back toward the brink of civil war. One of the day's boldest attacks happened near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, where militants set up a fake security checkpoint, captured five soldiers and shot them dead, a police officer said.

Mexico migrant train derails; at least 5 dead

CHONTALPA, Mexico (AP)—A notorious cargo train known as "the Beast" and carrying at least 250 Central American hitchhiking migrants derailed in a remote region of southern Mexico on Sunday, killing at least five people and injuring 18, authorities said. The train company and rescue workers were bringing in two cranes to begin lifting the eight derailed cars overnight, and officials said it was possible they might find more victims under the wreckage. Late Sunday, federal authorities had lowered the death toll to three, but said minutes later that two more had died, and put the toll back at the five announced earlier by Tabasco state officials. It said 18 others were injured, two of them near death.

Casualties as Congo troops, UN forces fight rebels

GOMA, Congo (AP)—Congolese soldiers and rebel forces suffered heavy casualties Sunday as they fought for a fifth day near the city of Goma in the country's volatile east, a doctor near the front line said. Dr. Isaac Warwanamiza told The Associated Press he had seen 82 dead since early Sunday, 23 of whom were government soldiers, the highest death toll reported since hostilities broke out last week. Medical services were struggling to cope with the scale of the casualties among government troops and the M23 fighters who launched their rebellion last year, Warwanamiza said. Three U.N. peacekeepers were wounded Saturday in the fighting, though no injuries were immediately reported by the U.N. peacekeeping mission Sunday.

New accusations

Anti-government activists accuse the Syrian regime of firing rockets with poisonous gas heads in the Aug. 21 attack.
Other alleged attacks:

March 19, 2013 Both sides claim rockets carrying chlorine are used by the other side in the village of Khan al-Assal

March 24 Syrian opposition fighters claim Syrian forces fire chemical weapons from rocket launchers in the town of Adra

April 25 A rocket allegedly spews poison gas on Daraya, a Damascus suburb

April 26 U.S. President Barack Obama tells reporters that Syrian use of chemical weapons "crosses a line that will change my calculus and how the United States approaches these issues"

Aug. 18 A U.N. team of experts arrives in Syria to launch an investigation

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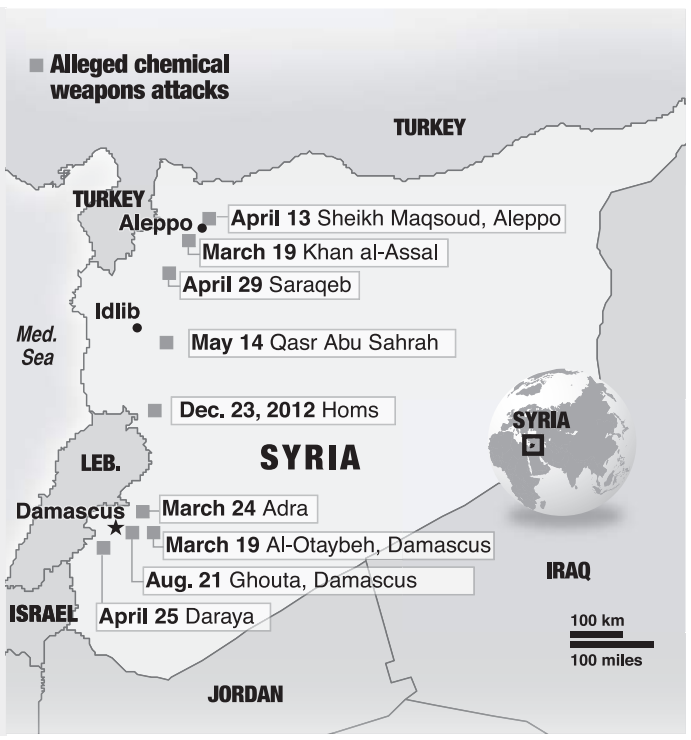
March 26 U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appoints Swedish professor Ake Sellstrom to investigate Syria's reported use of chemical weapons

Late March In letters not made public, the U.K. and France reportedly provide evidence that chemical weapons were used March 19 in Khan al-Asal and Al-Otaybeh, and Dec. 23, 2012, in Homs

April 29 A Syrian government helicopter reportedly drops munitions carrying sarin at Saraqeb

June 13 The White House releases a statement saying that following an investigation, "Our intelligence community assesses that the Assad regime has used chemical weapons, including the nerve agent sarin, on a small scale against the opposition multiple times in the last year"

Aug. 21 Syria's opposition accuses government forces of gassing hundreds of people near Damascus



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Focus

For Obama, world looks far different than expected

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President Barack Obama speaks about affordable college education during a town hall meeting at Binghamton University, Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, in Vestal, N.Y.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly five years into his presidency, Barack Obama confronts a world far different from what he envisioned when he first took office. U.S. influence is declining in the Middle East as violence and instability rock Arab countries. An ambitious attempt to reset U.S. relations with Russia faltered and failed. Even in Obama-friendly Europe, there's deep skepticism about Washington's government surveillance programs.

In some cases, the current climate has been driven by factors outside the White House's control. But missteps by the president also are to blame, say foreign policy analysts, including some who worked for the Obama administration.

Among them: miscalculating the fallout from the Arab Spring uprisings, publicly setting unrealistic expectations for improved ties with Russia and a reactive decision-making process that can leave the White House appearing to veer from crisis to crisis without a broader strategy.

Rosa Brooks, a former Defense Department official who left the administration in 2011, said that while the shrinking U.S. leverage overseas predates the current president, "Obama has sometimes equated 'we have no leverage' with 'there's no point to really doing anything'."

Obama, faced most urgently with escalating crises in Egypt and Syria, has defended his measured approach, saying America's ability to solve the world's problems on its own has been "overstated."

"Sometimes what we've seen is that folks will call for immediate action, jumping into stuff, that does not turn out well, gets us mired in very difficult situations," he said. "We have to think through strategically what's going to be in our long-term national interests."

The strongest challenge to Obama's philosophy on intervention has come from the deepening tumult in the Middle East and North Africa. The president saw great promise in the region when he first took office and pledged "a new beginning" with the Arab world when he traveled to Cairo in 2009.

But the democracy protests that spread across the region quickly scrambled Obama's efforts. While the U.S. has consistently backed the rights of people seeking democracy, the violence that followed has often left the Obama administration unsure of its next move or taking tentative steps that do little to change the situation on the ground.

In Egypt, where the country's first democratically elected president was ousted last month, the U.S. has refused to call Mohammed Morsi's removal a coup. The ruling military, which the U.S. has financially backed for decades, has largely ignored Obama's calls to end assaults on Morsi supporters. And U.S. officials are internally at odds over whether to cut off aid to the military.

In Syria, where more than 100,000 people have been killed during the two-and-a-half year civil war, Obama's pledges that President Bashar Assad will be held accountable have failed to push the Syrian leader from office. And despite warning that Assad's use of chemical weapons would cross a "red line" in Syria, there was scant American retaliation when he did use the toxic gases. On Sunday senior administration official said there is "very little doubt" that a chemical weapon was used by the Syrian regime against civilians in an incident that killed at least a hundred people last week. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly.

Sometimes what we've seen is that folks will call for immediate action, jumping into stuff, that does not turn out well, gets us mired in very difficult situations. We have to think through strategically what's going to be in our long-term national interests.

Few foreign policy experts predicted the Arab uprisings, and it's unlikely the U.S. could have—or should have—done anything to prevent the protests. But analysts say Obama misjudged the movements' next stages, including Assad's ability to cling to power and the strength of Islamist political parties in Egypt.

"The president has not had a long-term strategic vision," said Vali Nasr, who advised the Obama administration on foreign policy in the first term and now serves as dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. "They're moving issue to issue and reacting as situations come up."

Obama advisers say the president is frustrated by what is seen as a lack of good options for dealing with Arab unrest. But the president himself has pushed back at the notion that the U.S. has lost credibility on the world stage because he hasn't acted more forcefully.

"We remain the one indispensable nation," Obama said in a CNN interview aired Friday. "There's a reason why, when you listen to what's happened around Egypt and Syria, that everybody asks what the U.S. is doing. It's because the United States continues to be the one country that people expect can do more than just simply protect their borders."

But the perception of a president lacking in international influence extends beyond the Arab world, particularly to Russia. Since reassuming the presidency last year, Vladimir Putin has blocked U.S. efforts to seek action against Syria at the United Nations and has balked at Obama's efforts to seek new agreements on arms control.

Putin's hard-line approach stands in stark contrast to the relationship Obama cultivated in his first term with Putin's predecessor, Dmitri Medvedev. The two held friendly meetings in Moscow and Washington (Obama even took Medvedev out to lunch at a local burger joint) and achieved policy breakthroughs. They inked a new nuclear reduction agreement, and Moscow agreed to open up supply lines to help the U.S. pull troops and equipment out of Afghanistan.

Michael O'Hanlon, a national security analyst at The Brookings Institution, said the president miscalculated in assuming that a few signs of improved ties would be enough to overcome years of distrust with the Russians.

"The issue here is one of raised expectations, unrealistically high expectations that Obama himself deliberately stoked," O'Hanlon said. "He hoped that a more pragmatic, disciplined, less interventionist foreign policy would appease the Russians."

The White House's ties with Russia were further damaged this summer when Moscow granted temporary asylum to Edward Snowden, the former government contractor accused of leaking documents detailing secret U.S. surveillance programs. In retaliation, Obama canceled plans to meet with Putin in Moscow next month, though he will still attend the meeting of leading rich and developing nations in St. Petersburg, Russia.

But the international impact from the National Security Agency revelations has spread beyond Russia. In European capitals, where Obama's 2008 election was greeted with cheers, some leaders have publicly criticized the surveillance programs. Among them was German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who questioned the legitimacy of the programs while standing alongside Obama during his visit to Berlin earlier this year.

Obama has long enjoyed high approval ratings from the European public, though those numbers have slipped in his second term. So has European approval for his administration's international policies.

A Pew Research Center poll conducted this spring, before the NSA programs were revealed, showed that support for Obama's international policies was down in most of the countries surveyed, including a 14 point drop in Britain and a 12 point drop in France.

Overdrive

Corvette Stingray shifts away from tradition

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The 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray boasts 455 horsepower and goes from 0 to 60 mph in 3.8 seconds, according to Chevrolet. CHEVROLET/MCT

The roar of eight cylinders echoes off the hillsides as the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray rushes past vineyards and sun-faded barns. The magnetic suspension grips the uneven pavement; the manual gearbox rips through seven crisp shifts as the horizon blurs.

After months of anticipation and hype, Chevrolet is finally letting the next-generation Corvette out for test drives.

Though brief, our dalliance with a coupe version revealed that General Motors has hit the mark, balancing a towering legacy with the technological demands of a new century. A major step forward in the Corvette's evolution, the Stingray nonetheless sticks to the 60-year-old formula—premium power and handling on a Chevrolet budget.

With 455 horsepower and a $52,000 base price, no one will argue with the performance; many will argue with the styling, which dumps the iconic round taillights and soft curves in favor of an angular profile that gives this seventh-generation 'Vette a digital look.

The new look grabs attention but lacks emotion; though meant to capture a younger audience, the changes don't necessarily make the car more youthful. This could prove to be this generation's only significant flaw.

In the physical realm, Chevrolet also deviated from the design playbook. The C7, as the Corvette cognoscente call it, is the first model without two sets of round taillights since 1961. They're trapezoids now, with black vents on the outside of each pair resembling streaks of mascara.

The deliberate shift from tradition sets the C7 apart from earlier Corvettes on the road, said Kirk Bennion, the man in charge of the new car's exterior design.

The design looks better—if no less edgy—in person. There's a three-dimensionality to the LED taillights that photos don't capture.

Myriad other changes are less obvious but more substantive: The hood and removable roof panel are now carbon fiber. The wheelbase is an inch longer, while the overall length grows 2.4 inches. The car is 1.3 inches wider and even rides a bit lower. An aluminum frame sheds about 100 pounds over the previous model's steel frame, but total weight increases 100 pounds.

The exterior may be controversial, but few dispute the interior was overdue for an overhaul. The new cabin is a clear upgrade in sound isolation, quality of materials and fit and finish. Thoughtful touches abound, like a fully customizable digital instrument panel and the small redundant climate control buttons for the passenger near their door.

Complaints here are few. Taller drivers will yearn for a bit more legroom, and a large grab handle in the middle of the console blocks the passenger's view of most of the buttons and screen.

The model we spent the most time in sells for $71,660 and included the 3LT package. For $8,000, buyers get a suite of luxury touches including power heated and cooled Napa leather seats, a touch-screen navigation system with Chevy's MyLink infotainment setup and a heads-up display.

Also bundled on our tester was the Z51 performance package—a must-have, as it includes performance-oriented gear ratios, an electronically controlled limited slip differential, separate transmission cooling system, and 19-inch wheels up front and 20-inch wheels in the back.

Continuing the performance trend, the Lime Rock Metallic car we tested also included the optional Magnetic Ride Control suspension setup and the dual-mode performance exhaust.

All 2014 Corvettes come with a 6.2-liter V-8 engine that makes 455 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque (the optional exhaust system adds five to each of those figures). Zero to 60 mph passes in a mere 3.8 seconds in the Z51 optioned 'Vette. And yet the car manages 17 miles per gallon in the city and 29 mpg on the highway, thanks to direct fuel injection and a cylinder deactivation system that shuts off four of the eight cylinders during freeway cruising.

Two transmissions are available: a seven-speed manual gearbox with active rev-matching, or a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters.

All these changes make for an incredibly compelling sports car. The previous Corvette required some seat time to get comfortable pushing its limits; the C7 is ready to dance right out of the box.

The engine has a throaty yet refined voice that barks out of the quad exhaust pipes. Power delivery is smooth throughout the rev range, and there's always plenty on tap.

Although an automatic transmission could have been an afterthought on this car, it's a solid gearbox that shifts quickly in manual or automatic mode. But get the stick shift. The clutch is easy to modulate and the shifter has a heavy feel but still finds most of its gates without trouble.

This 2014 Corvette isn't a small car, but it never feels heavy. This helps the C7 dart through corners with precision and poise. The Corvette's steering wheel is now smaller and Chevy says the steering is stiffer, but it transmitted a confident feel for the road.

A subtle electronic limited slip differential allows you to easily shake the rear of the car loose with predictable oversteer, if that's your thing. Even if it's not, the car's power is always approachable and useful to a wide range of drivers.

The edgy styling that Chevy sees as crucial to the Corvette's future may not be for everyone—but the rest of the car absolutely is.

NUTS & BOLTS

2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

- Los Angeles Times' take: A fitting successor to the Corvette legacy
- Highs: Big bang for the performance buck
- Lows: Edgy styling will take some getting used to
- Vehicle type: Two-door, two-seat coupe and convertible
- Powertrain: 6.2-liter V-8
- Transmissions: Seven-speed manual, six-speed automatic
- Horsepower: 455
- Torque: 460 pound-feet
- Zero to 60 mph: 3.8 seconds, according to Chevrolet
- EPA fuel economy rating: 17 mpg city, 29 mpg highway
- Base price: $52,000
- Price as tested: $71,660

UNDER THE HOOD

Headlight remains stubbornly dim

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

QUESTION: I just replaced the left headlight cartridge on my car and it's still dim. I'm sure it was the correct bulb. What else can I do to fix this?—Manny Fuerte

ANSWER: Manny, not knowing the type of car you have is a mixed blessing. Rather than being able to provide some specific testing information, I get a chance to approach this in a generic manner, which should be of interest to a wider audience, for a variety of problems.

When an electrical device doesn't work well, or at all, there are three general fault possibilities besides the device itself being faulty. The most likely cause is a poor connection somewhere in the circuit connecting the device to its power supply, as is likely the case with your headlight. If the headlight didn't work at all, an open circuit—such as a broken wire, unplugged connector, failed fuse or bulb—could be the cause. The least likely cause of no operation is a short circuit. This results in electricity taking an unintended path into or from the circuit, possibly blowing a fuse or causing unwanted operation.

Since you have already renewed the bulb, and bulbs generally work or they don't, we'll assume it's OK. Let's check all lights on the vehicle exterior for proper operation. For example, if both left and right low beams were dim but the high beams were OK, we'd know the fault was in a common part of the low beam positive circuit, perhaps within the high/low switch or relay, or in a common connector. If all headlights were found to be dim, this places the fault closer to the trunk of the tree, possibly within the headlight switch or a main power connector.

The third possibility, and likely your situation, is some or all lights in that corner of the car also function poorly. This means the ground connection, a screw attaching wires to the car body that is often shared by the group of lights, is loose or dirty. Since most of the lights in that corner have differing positive circuits leading to them, these would not be of concern.

To find a suspected bad electrical connection, a simple voltage drop test is a quick and conclusive way to do it. You'll need a digital multimeter; models costing less than $25 work fine. Check the available voltage at the battery with the intended device turned on and the engine turned off. This is a baseline of what voltage is being sent to the device—up to 1 volt less than this delivered to the light is OK.

Next, T-pins are slipped in next to the wires at the back side of the connector at the bulb, touching inner terminals. Another measurement is taken under the same conditions: device on, engine off, and don't unplug anything.

The difference of the two measurements tells us how well the circuit delivered voltage to the device. A difference much above 1 volt means trouble in the circuit. If good voltage is delivered to a poorly functioning device, this tells us the device has problems.

Next, the multimeter leads can be placed across any section of the circuit, to be used as a difference meter to further narrow down the source of electrical resistance. Electrical resistance impedes voltage, causing heat, which may also be noticeable. Published wiring diagrams and connector locations will likely be needed to repeat these test procedures across more localized areas, zooming in for the specific fault location.

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Life & Style

Analysis: Affleck and the Batman backlash

NEW YORK (AP)—Ben Affleck will be the next Batman: How 'bout them apples?

Well, the Internet, which erupted Thursday night after Warner Bros. announced that Affleck will play the Caped Crusader for its Superman and Batman team-up movie, does not like them apples one bit. Jokes (many of them imagining a Batman from South Boston) flew on Twitter. Petitions with thousands of signatures were launched to urge Warner Bros. to rethink their decision.

Affleck, just months ago the toast of Hollywood for his best picture-winning "Argo," hasn't had so much scorn heaped on him since "Gigli."

The response, roughly equivalent to news of the apocalypse, was undoubtedly out of proportion. After the leaden, joyless "Man of Steel," adding Affleck—an actor of light, easy charisma and an increasingly capable filmmaker—can only improve a franchise currently in the hands of "Sucker Punch" director Zach Snyder and the beefy but unremarkable Superman actor Henry Cavill.

Affleck is likely to be far from the biggest issue for the film, which is scheduled to begin shooting next year and be released in summer 2015. He has already proven to be a more interesting Superman, too, by playing a bitter George Reeves in the atmospheric 2006 docudrama "Hollywoodland."

There's a long history of casting overreaction that's later turned out laughable. There were plenty of critics when Daniel Craig, who had the audaciousness of being blond, inherited James Bond. Some, too, questioned Jennifer Lawrence's suitability for Katniss Everdeen in "The Hunger Games." And who would have guessed that Michael Keaton would make arguably the best of all the Batmen?

But Affleck's casting speaks to a larger shift in this age of the superhero blockbuster. Affleck will be following in the footsteps of Christian Bale, the star of Christopher Nolan's "Dark Knight" trilogy—the artistic apogee of the superhero movies, a series that treated its hero not as cartoon but a vessel for exploring themes of terrorism and justice.

The days of such aspirations, though, seem to be dwindling. Sam Raimi isn't shepherding Spider-Man anymore. Most of the most popular superheros are on their second or third reboot. After the success of Joss Whedon's "The Avengers," Hollywood is looking increasingly to pairing its comics. Another "Avengers" film is on the way. And after the Superman-Batman movie, a "Justice League" film (with Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Flash, Aquaman and others) is rumored to follow.

From left, Lance Bass, JC Chasez, Justin Timberlake, Joey Fatone and Chris Kirkpatrick, of musical group 'N Sync, perform at the MTV Video Music Awards at Barclays Center on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

AP

Timberlake, 'N Sync take over Video Music Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Miley Cyrus' foam finger, Lady Gaga's thong, Taylor Swift's mean streak and the look on Rihanna's face while Drake performed will surely be remembered, but these MTV Video Music Awards belonged to Justin Timberlake.

Timberlake briefly reunited with 'N Sync, won moonman trophies including top honor video of the year for "Mirrors" plus the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award and managed to overshadow most of today's top pop stars while doing it.

"I don't deserve the award, but I'm not going to give it back," Timberlake said. "I'm taking this home."

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis were the night's other top winners, taking home trophies for best hip-hop video and best cinematography for "Can't Hold Us," and best video with a social message for "Same Love." They performed that song with Mary Lambert and Jennifer Hudson in a show-stopping moment.

"Gay rights are human rights," Macklemore said during the telecast. "There is no separation." It was one of the few poignant moments in a night filled with spectacle, spite and lots and lots of skin.

Up till then, the ladies of pop music dominated as an X-rated Cyrus became the rare artist to upstage the recently rehabilitated Lady Gaga. But a vengeful Swift managed to take the spotlight from both after appearing to utter an expletive to Selena Gomez when One Direction and rumored former love interest Harry Styles appeared at Sunday night's award show—a moment that lit up Twitter and was memorialized immediately in a GIF online.

Swift wasn't the only one with a strong reaction to One Direction—cheers mixed with boos as they won song of the summer for "Best Song Ever."

And she gave a shout out to an unnamed former beau for helping her win another moonman trophy for "I Knew You Were Trouble" in the best female video category.

"I also want to thank the person who inspired this song, who knows exactly who he is, because I got one of these," Swift said. "Thank you so much!"

Gaga changed costumes four times during her first return to the stage since hip surgery as she performed her new single "Applause" at the top of the show. It was a predictably unpredictable appearance for Gaga, who pumped in boos over the sound system as she opened the song in a white nun's habit and square headdress.

By the time she finished the song, she was surrounded by unitard-clad male dancers and wearing a thong bikini decorated in shells and a long blonde wig.

Cyrus immediately kicked things up well beyond provocative, however, as she appeared on stage with a multitude of dancing teddy bears in a bodysuit adorned with a cartoon character. She twerked to her song "We Can't Stop," changed into a nude bikini, ran a fan's foam finger along her privates as Robin Thicke appeared on stage to perform "Blurred Lines," then gave the singer a lap dance.

"Miley better go get a pregnancy test after all that grinding," comedian Kevin Hart joked afterward.

Rihanna didn't even have to take the stage to get a social media reaction after appearing to offer a sour face to Drake during his high energy performance of "Started From the Bottom."

Kanye West continued his stark portrayal of new music from his album "Yeezus," performing "Blood on the Leaves" with its controversial Nina Simone "Strange Fruit" sample in silhouette in front of a black and white picture of a tree.

And Katy Perry, who arrived sporting a bejeweled grill bearing the name of her new single "Roar," finished off the show by singing the song dressed as a boxer.

No one got the kind of time Timberlake did, though.

Dressed in a black suit and black hat with a red feather, he powered through a breathless series of solo hits before the other four members of 'N Sync—JC Chasez, Chris Kirkpatrick, Joey Fatone, and Lance Bass—joined him on stage, opening with "Bye Bye Bye." Timberlake's "Suit & Tie" also won for best editing and best direction by David Fincher.

"Half of the moonmen I've ever won, I won with those four guys right there," Timberlake said pointing at his former band mates while holding the Vanguard trophy. "So above all else, I'm going to share this—we can keep it my house—but I'm going to share this award with them."

Other winners included Pink and Nate Ruess for best collaboration, Bruno Mars for best male video, Gomez for best pop video, Thirty Seconds to Mars for best rock video and artist to watch Austin Mahone.

WINNERS' LIST

A list of winners at Sunday's MTV Video Music Awards, which aired live from the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Video of the year: Justin Timberlake, "Mirrors"
Best female video: Taylor Swift, "I Knew You Were Trouble."
Best male video: Bruno Mars, "Locked Out of Heaven"
Best pop video: Selena Gomez, "Come & Get It"
Best hip-hop video: Macklemore & Ryan Lewis featuring Ray Dalton, "Can't Hold Us"
Best rock video: Thirty Seconds to Mars, "Up In the Air"
Best collaboration: Pink and Nate Ruess of fun., "Just Give Me a Reason"
Best video with a social message: Macklemore & Ryan Lewis featuring Mary Lambert, "Same Love"
Best song of the summer: One Direction, "Best Song Ever"
Artist to watch: Austin Mahone, "What About Love"
Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award: Justin Timberlake
Best direction: Justin Timberlake's "Suit & Tie" (director David Fincher)
Best visual effects: Capital Cities, "Safe and Sound"
Best choreography: Bruno Mars, "Treasure"
Best art direction: Janelle Monae featuring Erykah Badu, "Q.U.E.E.N."
Best cinematography: Macklemore & Ryan Lewis featuring Ray Dalton, "Can't Hold Us"
Best editing: Justin Timberlake, "Mirrors"

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Tue. - Wed.(420 PM) 720 PM

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Tue. - Wed.(435 PM) 730 PM

PLANES [CC,DV] (PG)
Tue. - Wed.(445 PM) 710 PM

PERCY JACKSON: SEA OF MONSTERS [CC,DV] (PG)
Tue. - Wed.725 PM

PERCY JACKSON: SEA OF MONSTERS 3D [CC,DV] (PG)
Tue. - Wed.(425 PM)

WE'RE THE MILLERS [CC,DV] (R)
Tue. - Wed.700 PM

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New biography claims more Salinger books due out

NEW YORK (AP)—The authors of a new J.D. Salinger biography are claiming they have cracked one of publishing's greatest mysteries: What "The Catcher in the Rye" novelist was working on during the last half century of his life.

Starting between 2015 and 2020, a series of posthumous Salinger releases are planned, according to "Salinger," co-written by David Shields and Shane Salerno and scheduled to be published Sept. 3. The Associated Press obtained an early copy. Salerno's documentary on the author opens Sept. 6. In January, it will air on PBS as an installment of "American Masters."

Providing by far the most detailed report of previously unreleased material, the book's authors cite "two independent and separate sources" who they say have "documented and verified" the information.

One of the Salinger books would center on "Catcher" protagonist Holden Caulfield and his family, including a revised version of an early, unpublished story "The Last and Best of the Peter Pans." Other volumes would draw on Salinger's World War II years and his immersion in Eastern religion.

A publication called "The Family Glass" would feature additional stories about the Glass family of "Franny and Zooey" and other Salinger works.

"Salinger" does not identify a prospective publisher. Spokesman Terry Adams of Little, Brown and Company, which released "Catcher" and Salinger's three other books, declined to comment Sunday. Salinger's son, Matt Salinger, who helps run the author's literary estate, was not immediately available for comment.

If the books do appear, they may well not be through Little, Brown. In the mid-1990s, Salinger agreed to allow a small Virginia-based press, Orchises, to issue his novella "Hapworth 16, 1924," which first appeared in The New Yorker in 1965. But after news leaked of the planned publication, Salinger changed his mind and "Hapworth" was canceled.

No Salinger book came out after the early 1960s, as the author increasingly withdrew from public life. Over the past 50 years, there has been endless and conflicting speculation over what Salinger had been doing during his self-imposed retirement. That Salinger continued to write is well documented. Friends, neighbors and family members all reported that Salinger was writing in his final years and the author himself told The New York Times in 1974 that he wrote daily, though only for himself.

"There is a marvelous peace in not publishing," he said at the time.

But there is no consensus on what he was writing and no physical evidence of what Salinger had reportedly stashed in a safe in his home in Cornish, New Hampshire. The Salinger estate, run partly by Matt Salinger and Salinger's widow, Colleen O'Neill, has remained silent on the subject since the author's death in January 2010. The two did not cooperate with Salerno and Shields.

Until now, neither Salerno nor Shields has been defined by his expertise on Salinger. Salerno is a Hollywood screenwriter whose credits include "Armageddon," the Oliver Stone film "Savages" and a planned sequel to James Cameron's blockbuster "Avatar." Shields is an award-winning author whose books include the novel "Dead Languages"; a nonfiction work on pro basketball that was a National Book Critics Circle prize finalist; and "Reality Hunger," a self-described "manifesto" for modern literature.

Their 700-page Salinger biography has new information well beyond any possible posthumous fiction. Nine years in the making and thoroughly documented, "Salinger" features many rare photographs and letters; unprecedented detail about the author's World War II years and brief first marriage; a revelatory interview with the former teenage girl, Jean Miller, who inspired his classic story "For Esme—With Love and Squalor"; and an account of how Salinger, who supposedly shunned Hollywood for much of his life, nearly agreed to allow "Esme" to be adapted into a feature film.

"Salinger" both fleshes out and challenges aspects of the author's legend. He is portrayed as deeply traumatized by his war experiences and stunned by his post-"Catcher" fame. But he also comes off as far less reclusive and detached than long believed. He does agree to the occasional interview, even initiating discussion with The New York Times, and appears sensitive to his public image. His affinity for young people is not confined to his books, and Salinger's biographers closely track his history of intense attachments to teens, from Oona O'Neill in the 1940s to Joyce Maynard in the 1970s.

The book is structured as an oral history, featuring hundreds of new and old interviews, excerpts from newspaper accounts and previous biographies and commentary from Shields and Salerno. Those quoted range from Salinger's children to authors Tom Wolfe and Gore Vidal to Mark David Chapman, who cited "Catcher" as a reason he murdered John Lennon in 1980.

Salerno has been promising to make headlines ever since announcing the biography and film shortly after Salinger's death. Earlier this year, he quickly arranged lucrative deals with the Weinstein Co. for a feature film, the producers of "American Masters" for TV rights and Simon & Schuster for the book. The filmmaker himself has proved as effective as Salinger at keeping a secret, with only a handful of people even knowing of the project's existence during Salinger's lifetime. Salerno spent some $2 million of his own money and traveled throughout the U.S. and Europe in search of material. He is also adept at revealing secrets, with recent stories by The Associated Press and other media outlets, featuring photographs never previously published.

Salinger never authorized a biography, but several unauthorized books have come out over the past 30 years.

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A 1951 file photo shows J.D. Salinger, author of "The Catcher in the Rye", "Nine Stories", and "Franny and Zooey."

'The Butler' tops US box office with $17 million

NEW YORK (AP)—"Lee Daniels' The Butler" served up a second helping at the U.S. box office, topping the weekend with $17 million according to studio estimates Sunday.

That was enough to lead all films on a late August weekend known as a dumping ground for studios following their summer blockbusters and before the start of the fall movie-going season. Daniels' historical drama about a long-serving White House butler, starring Forest Whitaker and Oprah Winfrey, last weekend opened with $24.6 million for the Weinstein Co.

Three new releases failed to catch on. The teen fantasy "Mortal Instruments: City of Bones," adapted from the popular young adult book series, opened tepidly in third with $9.3 million on the weekend and $14 million since opening Wednesday. With franchise hopes, Sony Screen Gems has already started production on a sequel, again starring Lily Collins as a New York teenager who discovers she has mystical powers.

Edgar Wright's pub-crawl-gone-wrong comedy "The World's End" opened with $8.9 million for Focus Features. That was a better start for "The World's End," which stars Simon Pegg, than Wright's last film with the actor: 2007's "Hot Fuzz." It opened with $5.8 million. Playing in 1,549 theaters, "The World's End" did its business in less than half the theaters of "The Butler" or "Mortal Instruments."

Despite good reviews, Lionsgate's home-invasion horror flick "You're Next" opened weakly with $7.1 million.

With a cumulative total of $52.3 million, "The Butler" is headed for a domestic haul of $100 million. It has followed the release pattern of another movie about race and domestic service: the 2011 drama "The Help," also released in August. The Weinstein Co. hopes that "The Butler" will similarly lead to Oscar nominations.

Paul Dergarabedian, analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com, attributed the success of "The Butler" particularly to the marketing power of Winfrey and a savvy choice of a release date with little competition.

"This is a film that you wouldn't want to open in June or July," said Dergarabedian. "The release date that the Weinstein Co. picked absolutely paid off for them."

In its third week of release, Warner Bros.' R-rated road trip comedy "We're the Millers," starring Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston, continued to thrive. It took in $13.5 million over the weekend, bringing its overall total to $91.7 million.

Woody Allen's "Blue Jasmine" became his widest release ever. Sony Pictures Classics expanded Allen's drama of a ruined socialite starring Cate Blanchett to 1,283 theaters. It made $4.3 million over the weekend after earning more than $10 million in four weeks of limited release.

The 3-D release of Universal's "Jurassic Park," which opened in North America in April, led the overseas market with $30 million over the weekend, most of that from its opening in China.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released on Monday.

1. **"Lee Daniels' The Butler," $17 million.**
2. **"We're the Millers," $13.5 million ($8.3 million international).**
3. **"Mortal Instruments: City of Bones," $9.3 million.**
4. **"The World's End" $8.9 million.**
5. **"Planes," $8.6 million ($5.9 million international).**
6. **"Elysium," $7.1 million ($20 million international).**
7. **"You're Next," $7.1 million.**
8. **"Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters," $5.2 million ($18.4 million international).**
9. **"Blue Jasmine," $4.3 million.**
10. **"Kick-Ass 2," $4.3 million ($7.3 million international).**

‘The World’s End’ a toast for 3 filmmaking friends

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It’s not the end of the world, but “The World’s End” marks a creative conclusion for Simon Pegg, Nick Frost and Edgar Wright.

For the British trio behind “Shaun of the Dead” and “Hot Fuzz,” Friday’s release of “The World’s End” completes a trilogy. The longtime friends have no future collaborations planned as each heads into new projects that match their growing profiles. Wright is writing and directing Marvel’s “Ant-Man.” Pegg will star in “Hector and the Search for Happiness,” while Frost is starring (and dancing) in the upcoming comedy “Cuban Fury.”

It’s fitting, then, that their final film together (for now) is a toast—12 times over. In “The World’s End,” Pegg and Frost play former friends among a group reunited to take on “The Golden Mile”: a dozen pubs in their old U.K. hometown, downing a pint at each.

The real-life friends gathered at a Sunset Strip hotel (over ice waters) to talk about movies, friendship and beer.

AP

In this Wed., Aug. 21, 2013 photo, from left, director Edgar Wright, actor Simon Pegg, and actor Nick Frost pose for a portrait in the green room at the premiere of the feature film “The World’s End” at the Cinerama Dome, in Los Angeles.

AP: Is it bittersweet to complete this trilogy?

Pegg: It feels like we’ve done something we set out to do. ... We know we’ll probably work together again. Highly likely, in fact.

Frost: At the heart of what we do is that we’re all best mates, so it’s not like that’s that, we’ll never see each other. We’re friends first and foremost.

Wright: I feel the sense of satisfaction that we made good on a promise. We made a promise to ourselves as much as we did the fans of making three movies, so to actually finish the movies and have a film that we’re really proud of—three films that we’re really proud of—British films and pretty uncompromised, is huge for us.

AP: What was really in the glasses during filming?

Frost: It was like a sugared water: a water colored with burnt sugar with cream soda on top for the head. But the shots were Sambuca.

Pegg: It had to be water because we had to drink so much of it. It couldn’t have been anything else. It couldn’t be apple juice or tea. ... It tasted a little bit like weak-tasting lemonade, I guess, and we put away pints of the stuff.

AP: What is the beer that you name in the movie?

Wright: Crowning Glory. ... We named it in the script, and then we found this local brewery that said (they’d) make a beer and call it Crowning Glory. So they have actually released it. It’s like an ale. The one that’s named in the movie ... is now real, which is hilarious.

AP: How did the two of you (Pegg and Frost) becoming fathers change your drinking habits?

Pegg: I don’t drink at all now. I gave it up completely.

Frost: I try not to drink. Because what if I woke up and he’d eaten a knife?

AP: What would Ant Man drink?

Wright: I think he’s probably a lightweight because he’s so tiny, but then so am I.

Pegg: He could probably still drink more than you.

AP: Will you all work on “Ant-Man”?

Wright: I like our collaborations together to be ones that we write. Not that I haven’t written “Ant-Man,” but it’s an adaptation. So I think when we reconvene it should be for (a) completely original screenplay.

Frost: So in five years’ time, when we get back together to do “Rhino Man and the Abs,” people will enjoy it more.

CHART TOPPERS

The top 10 songs and albums on the iTunes Store for the week ending Aug. 19, 2013:

TOP SONGS
1. “Roar,” Katy Perry
2. “Blurred Lines (feat. T.I. & Pharrell),” Robin Thicke
3. “Applause,” Lady Gaga
4. “Holy Grail (feat. Justin Timberlake),” JAY Z
5. “That’s My Kind of Night”, Luke Bryan
6. “We Can’t Stop,” Miley Cyrus
7. “Wake Me Up,” Avicii
8. “Radioactive,” Imagine Dragons
9. “Royals,” Lorde
10. “Crash My Party,” Luke Bryan

TOP ALBUMS
1. “Crash My Party,” Luke Bryan
2. “ARTPOP,” Lady Gaga
3. “Rebellious Soul,” K. Michelle
4. “Magna Carta ... Holy Grail,” JAY Z
5. “The Civil Wars,” The Civil Wars
6. “Teen Beach Movie (Soundtrack),” Various Artists
7. “Night Visions,” Imagine Dragons
8. “Too Weird To Live, Too Rare To Die!,” Panic! At the Disco
9. “Paradise Valley,” John Mayer
10. “Americoustic EP,” Hoodie Allen

The top iPhone and iPad apps on App Store for the week ending Aug. 19, 2013:

TOP PAID IPHONE APPS
1. Pixel Gun 3D - Block World Pocket Survival Shooter with Skins Maker for minecraft (PC edition) & Multiplayer (Alex Krasnov)
2. Minecraft-Pocket Edition (Mojang)
3. Heads Up! (Warner Bros.)
4. AfterLight (Simon Filip)
5. Pimp Your Screen (Apalon)
6. Smart Alarm Clock: sleep cycles & noise recording (Plus Sports)
7. Plants vs. Zombies (PopCap)
8. Free Music Download Pro (ASPS Apps)
9. Flipagram (Flipagram LLC)
10. Survivalcraft (Igor Kalicinski)

TOP FREE IPHONE APPS
1. Plants vs. Zombies 2 (PopCap)
2. Candy Crush Saga (King.com Limited)
3. Dots: A Game About Connecting (Betaworks One)
4. 4 Pics 1 Song (Game Circus LLC)
5. Despicable Me: Minion Rush (Gameloft)
6. Amateur Surgeon 3 (adult swim)
7. YouTube (Google Inc.)
8. Vine (Vine Labs Inc.)
9. Flick Golf Extreme! (Full Fat)
10. Instagram (Burbn Inc.)

TOP PAID IPAD APPS
1. Minecraft-Pocket Edition (Mojang)
2. Notability (Ginger Labs)
3. Pixel Gun 3D - Block World Pocket Survival Shooter with Skins Maker for minecraft (PC edition) & Multiplayer (Alex Krasnov)
4. Pages (Apple)
5. Plants vs. Zombies HD (PopCap)
6. Pimp Your Screen (Apalon)
7. Planes: Storybook Deluxe (Disney)
8. Survivalcraft (Igor Kalicinski)
9. NFL Fantasy Football Cheat Sheet 2013 for iPad (NFL Enterprises LLC)
10. Smart Alarm Clock for iPad: sleep cycles and noise recording (Plus Sports)

TOP FREE IPAD APPS
1. Plants vs. Zombies 2 (PopCap)
2. Candy Crush Saga (King.com Limited)
3. Amateur Surgeon 3 (adult swim)
4. Disney Infinity: Action! (Disney)
5. Despicable Me: Minion Rush (Gameloft)
6. Doodle Fit 2: Around the World (NAMCO BANDAI Games)
7. Hungry Shark Evolution (Future Games of London)
8. YouTube (Google Inc.)
9. Doctor X & The Urban Heroes (Kids Fun Club by TabTale)
10. Celebrity Doctor (George CL)

The top 10 books on Apple’s iBooks for the week ending Aug. 19, 2013:

TOP BOOKS
1. “The Cuckoo’s Calling,” by Robert Galbraith & J.K. Rowling (Little, Brown & Company)
2. “Mistress,” by James Patterson & David Ellis (Little, Brown and Company)
3. “The Husband’s Secret,” by Liane Moriarty (Penguin Group US)
4. “Afterburn,” by Sylvia Day (Cosmo Red Hot Reads from Harlequin)
5. “City of Bones,” by Cassandra Clare (Margaret K. McElderry Books)
6. “The Liberty Amendments,” by Mark R. Levin (Threshold Editions)
7. “Biology,” by Kenneth R. Miller, Ph.D. & Joseph S. Levine, Ph.D.] (Pearson Education, Inc.)
8. “Inferno,” by Dan Brown (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
9. “High Heat: A Jack Reacher Novella,” by Lee Child (Random House Publishing Group)
10. “Choosing the Right Man,” by Violet Duke (Violet Duke)

Woman battling past regrets must honestly face the future

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a 65-year-old active woman who still works. I play tennis several times a week and have a loving relationship with my kids. I know with certainty that I have many good things in my life. However, since my sister died last year, I have been having second thoughts about a lot of the decisions I have made over the years—especially regarding relationships and my choice of jobs.

I realize now that more than a few of my decisions were based on low self-esteem, although I don’t come across that way. I’m feeling depressed and lonely, and it’s hard to be positive. I feel like my world is shrinking, and I don’t know how to get back on track and be a positive and happy person again. As it is, I’m faking it with my children, and my friends have no idea how I really feel. How do I improve my life at this late stage?

DEPRESSED IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR DEPRESSED: One way would be to be more honest with your friends and fake it less. If they are good friends, they’ll be willing to listen and give you an honest perspective or the benefit of their life experience. That’s what friends do for each other.

You are lucky to be vital and active, because it means your world doesn’t have to shrink any more than you want it to. Because you say you’re lonely, perhaps it’s time to consider enlarging your circle of acquaintances.

The loss of your sister is probably what started your re-evaluation of your life and choices, and that’s normal. But please remember that regret is the cancer of life. You can’t change the past, and you mustn’t allow it to cloud your future. While you may be having second thoughts about choices you made when you were younger, the lessons you learned from them have made you the person you are today.

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DEAR ABBY: I think our culture is severely lacking when we don’t teach our children how to politely and non-aggressively stand up for themselves when the need arises. People suffer in all sorts of relationships—work, family, friends—because they’re afraid of confrontation. Raising a subject that may be embarrassing and risking angering someone isn’t fun, but it’s COMMUNICATION.

If you have a problem, large or small, address it in private with the individual. And if someone tries to talk to you about something you’d rather not hear, be an adult, listen and respond civilly instead of reacting childishly.

We teach children to respect authority, be kind to others and be leaders—but we don’t teach them healthy confrontation, which is something we all encounter in our lives.

TALKING IT OUT IN INDIANA

DEAR TALKING IT OUT: I agree with you. The kind of communication you’re describing is a skill. It requires not only a strong ego on the part of the “confronter,” but also tact and diplomacy. And the “confrontee” needs to have the ability to listen without responding with hostility to what is being said.

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DEAR ABBY: In my university classroom, students place their feet on chairs, teachers lecture while sitting on their desks, and the dean of the school herself sits atop her desk and places her feet on a chair in front of her. Please tell me that this is NOT OK!

PROPER IN WASHINGTON

DEAR PROPER: It appears you come from a generation or culture in which the atmosphere has always been quite formal. I can tell you it’s “not OK” if it will make you feel better, but if it’s acceptable to the teacher, the dean and the school, then it’s time for you to loosen up.

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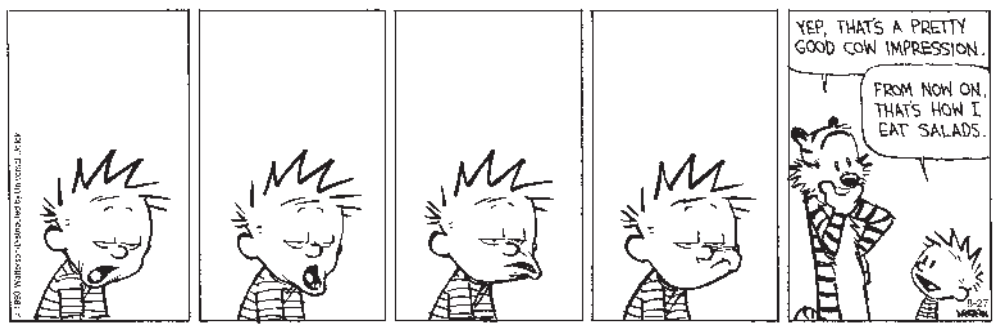

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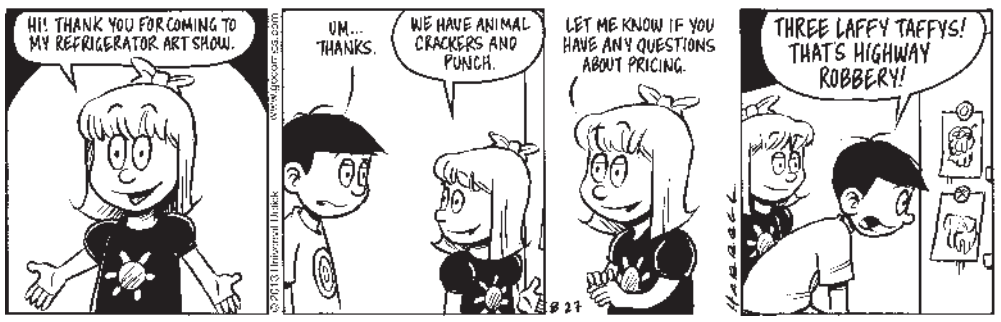
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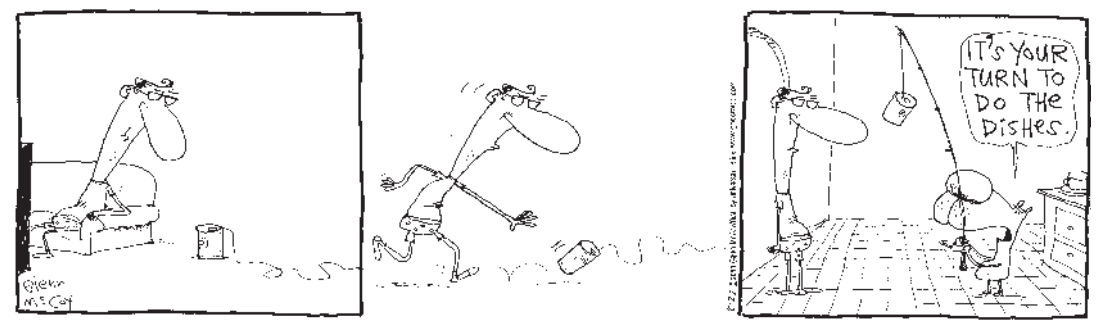

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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5 Pulsate
9 To and —
12 Part of the loop
13 St. Louis landmark
14 Erstwhile acorn
15 Lucky
17 Genetic matter
18 Requests
19 Arbuckle of old Hollywood
21 "Metamorphosis" author
24 Hagar the Horrible's daughter
25 Lotion additive
26 Sugar measure, in song
30 Crossword clue abbr.
31 Spin
32 Playwright Levin
33 Blood lines?
35 Zooey's "New Girl" role
36 Mosque bigwig
37 Six-pack, often
38 Cat's-paw
40 Ape
42 Ostrich's kin
43 Old phonograph
48 Scepter
49 One
50 "Exodus" author
51 — out a living
52 Timber wolf
53 Bound

DOWN
1 Peter Pan rival
2 Popular card game
3 "Le Coq —"
4 Consumption
5 Tellers' workplace
6 Historic periods
7 Performance
8 Certain tarot card
9 With extra alcohol, as wine
10 Carry on
11 Fine
16 Part of N.A.
20 Curry of TV
21 Potent Polynesian drink
22 Winged
23 Ability to face adversity
24 — d'oeuvres
26 Take to the pool
27 Chart format
28 — Major
29 Scottish girl
31 Waiter's load
34 Type squares
35 Happy
37 Agent
38 Father, in France
39 Out of control
40 Baby's bed
41 Director Preminger
44 Yoko of music
45 Anger
46 By way of
47 Kreskin's sense

Solution time: 21 mins.

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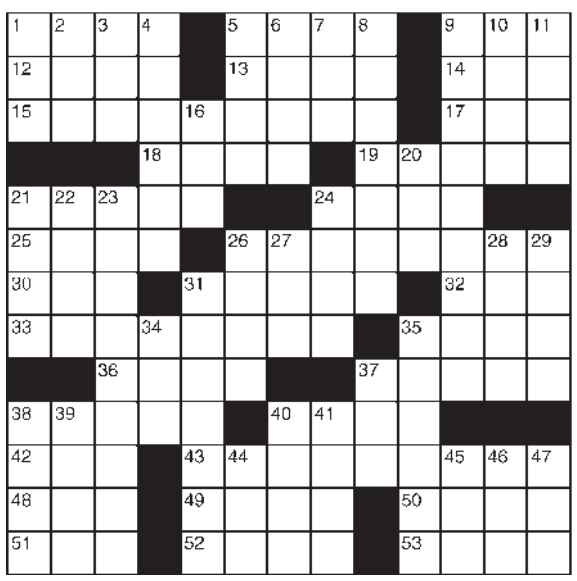

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Whatever you do, offer your best effort and plenty of enthusiasm. The impression you make now will bring about better opportunities in the future. Don't let a relationship stop you from being productive. Get your work finished before you socialize. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): A challenge will create new friendships and an opportunity to use your skills in an unusual capacity. Let your emotions drive you to excel. Don't get angry when you should get moving. If you want something, make it happen. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Express your feelings. It's better to say what's on your mind than to display actions that may be inappropriate. A change of plans will turn out in your favor. Put your energy into making personal improvements that will enhance your life. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Friends will play a role in the decisions you make. Problems with an older or younger family member should be taken care of using unusual methods. Show compassion, but don't give in to a situation in which you don't feel comfortable. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Keep a close watch over the way others react to the situations that unfold at work and at home. Staying grounded and making last-minute alterations will show your leadership ability and attract an interest in your personality. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. Strike while the iron is hot and make your point clear. Don't feel you have to pay for others' mistakes. Take over and do things your way. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't assume anything if you don't want to be disappointed. Do your own thing and refuse to cave if someone is pushy. Take time to chill out and rejuvenate. Pick up an item that boosts your ego or confidence. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Believe in your abilities and talents, and trust in your judgment. Follow through with your plan and speak on behalf of yourself and those you feel you can represent honestly. You can make a difference if you follow through. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You can listen to what others have to say, but do what's best for you. Someone is not going to have your best interests at heart. Leave some time to enjoy socializing or getting together with someone you love. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Your sensitivity toward a situation will not go unnoticed. Take pride in your ability to get things done. Make your choices based on what you see and know to be true, not what someone tries to lead you to believe. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't dwell on the obstacles when there is so much you can do if you let your talent and ability lead the way. An interesting connection you have with someone will spark an idea that can lead to financial gains. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Focus on partnerships, love and the opportunities you will encounter through the connections you make. Keep your feelings hidden until you have a chance to see if someone shares your sentiments. Invest in an idea you have. ✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 8/27

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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9	8	3	4	5	2	6	1	7
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8	1	9	3	4	6	2	7	5
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C	C	A	C	I	T	O	S	E	B	G	L	B	Q	F
E	I	T	O	T	N	U	L	E	T	U	I	I	U	R
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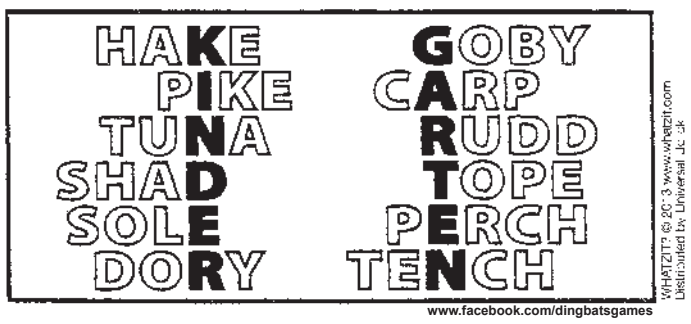

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Scott opens FedEx Cup playoffs with a win

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JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP)—Masters champion Adam Scott didn't think his good round was good enough Sunday at The Barclays.

His caddie had already packed his golf clubs into a travel case. He viewed his visit to the CBS Sports tower as nothing more than a courtesy. His only hope was that the other players still on the course—Tiger Woods and Justin Rose among them—might find it as difficult to close out a victory as Scott has over the years.

"I'm pretty shocked," Scott said after his 5-under 66 gave him a one-shot win at Liberty National. "There were so many guys out there with a chance and I really didn't think I had much of a chance. If you hang around the lead long enough, you're going to win some, you're going to lose some. And this one went my way."

Scott was watching from the locker room when Rose, who had a 25-foot putt for the outright lead, ran it 5 feet by the hole and three-putted for bogey. Clubs unpacked, Scott was on his way to the range when the groans from around the 18th green told him Woods narrowly missed his 25-foot birdie putt from off the back of the green to tie for the lead. Once on the range, a large video board showed Gary Woodland miss his third straight birdie putt from inside 10 feet.

"I guess it's different playing an hour-and-a-half in front of the leaders, the guys who have been under pressure all day than when you're out there," Scott said. "I know how they feel. When the pressure is on you to close out, it's much harder, and the holes become much harder and shots are far more crucial.

"I feel like I've been given a bit of a gift," he said. "But I'll take it."

Scott finished at 11-under 273 and moved to a career-best No. 2 in the world.

AP

Adam Scott, of Australia, holds the trophy after winning The Barclays golf tournament on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, in Jersey City, N.J.

Woods suffered a back spasm on the par-5 13th hole and hooked a fairway metal so far left that it landed in a swamp on the other side of the 15th fairway. Woods dropped to all fours in pain before slowly getting up. He also dropped a shot on the 15th, and then gamely fought back with birdies on the 16th and 17th holes to get within one.

His birdie putt from off the 18th green was one short turn of falling.

"Thought I made it," Woods said after his 69.

Woods had all four rounds in the 60s for the first time in a year on the PGA Tour, though it wasn't enough. He battled stiffness in his lower back all week, which he attributed to a soft bed in his hotel room—the second straight year he has had back issues from a mattress at this event.

In a brief interview with CBS Sports, he said it was "hypothetical" when asked if he would compete in the Deutsche Bank Championship, the next playoff event that starts Friday on the TPC Boston. The tournament gives its charity money to Woods' foundation. Woods already missed the AT&T National this year, which also benefits his foundation.

"I just got off and I'm not feeling my best right now," he said.

Rose wasn't feeling that great, either. He was in position to win the tournament with a birdie putt, and the U.S. Open champion did not want to leave it short. Instead, he knocked it by farther than he imagined, the ball stayed on the high side of the cup the whole way.

"I got too aggressive," said Rose, who closed with a 68. "I thought it was a putt to win the tournament. It's tough to take."

Kevin Chappell had a two-shot lead after a birdie on the 10th hole, but then played the next seven holes in 7-over par and closed with a 76. Woodland had a 73. Matt Kuchar, who shared the 54-hole lead with Woodland, fell back with a triple bogey on No. 9. His only birdie was on the 18th hole, and it gave him a 78.

"I found a way to hang in there and grind it out and gave myself a chance on the back nine on Sunday, which is everything you can ask for," Woodland said.

It was the second time Woods has missed a playoff by one shot at Liberty National.

Graham DeLaet of Canada, whose 65 matched Phil Mickelson for the low score of the final round, also tied for second. DeLaet will move up to No. 9 in the Presidents Cup standings, and with one week before qualifying ends, is in good shape to make the International team.

Scott won for the second time this year, and at least put himself into the conversation for PGA Tour player of the year if he were to go on to win the FedEx Cup. He is No. 2 in the standings behind Woods, though the $10 million prize does not come into view until the Tour Championship.

The first playoff event was packed with plenty of energy on a spectacular day across from the Statue of Liberty and the Manhattan skyline. Five players had at least a share of the lead at some point in the final round. Woods put up a great fight despite his back injury. Scott played the final 24 holes without a bogey.

Sunday also had some of the emotions found at Q-school for players whose season came to an abrupt end. And it was just as wild at the bottom.

Only the top 100 players in the FedEx Cup advance to the second playoff event next week outside Boston. Geoff Ogilvy could have joined them except for missing a 2 1/2-foot par putt on the final hole that ultimately knocked him out of the top 100.

Camilo Villegas, at No. 110, thought he needed a 6-foot par putt on the last hole to advance. He missed it and was visibly angry. More than an hour later, Aaron Baddeley appeared to be a lock to advance to Boston despite being at No. 119. Baddeley, however, bogeyed his last three holes, missing a 5-foot par putt on the 18th. That knocked him out and put Villegas back in at No. 100.

Scott missed a 15-foot birdie on the 18th hole that he thought might have been enough for a playoff at best.

"I thought I needed at least one more to even think about hanging around," said Scott, who stayed long enough to collect his first FedEx Cup playoff win.

Nadal is surging but knee is a question for Open

US OPEN

NEW YORK (AP)—Ask Rafael Nadal how his famously troublesome left knee is feeling on the eve of the U.S. Open, and he'll balk a bit while formulating a response.

"I am ..." the 12-time major title winner began, haltingly, during an interview with The Associated Press.

"You know ..." he resumed, before smiling sheepishly and pausing again.

Eventually, Nadal offered something of a complicated answer.

"I have to say that I am very well, because the results have been amazing since I came back," he said. "If I say something else, (it) will sound strange."

That's because when the year's last Grand Slam tournament begins Monday, none of the players setting foot on the blue hard courts of Flushing Meadows possesses as much momentum—or is in as fine form—as the No. 2-seeded Nadal. He's won his past 10 matches heading into the first round against the 97th-ranked Ryan Harrison of the United States.

Another past U.S. Open champion on Monday afternoon's schedule is 2000-01 winner Venus Williams, a former No. 1 now ranked 60th who will be taking on recent Wimbledon semifinalist and 12th-seeded Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium. At night, Williams' younger sister Serena, the defending champion, plays 2010 French Open winner Francesca Schiavone of Italy, while 17-time major champion Roger Federer faces 62nd-ranked Grega Zemlja of Slovenia.

The biggest curiosity when it comes to Nadal these days is how his knees will hold up. They've presented recurring problems for him over the years, particularly the left one, which kept him out of action from late June 2012 until February 2013. He missed the London Olympics, last year's U.S. Open and this year's Australian Open.

"I feel more comfortable now than six months ago, that's for sure," Nadal said, then quickly added: "But I still have pain some days."

He was asked whether he thinks that might be the case for the rest of his career.

"Hopefully not," the 27-year-old Nadal said. "Hopefully not."

Hard courts could exacerbate the matter because of the pounding legs take on the unforgiving surface. Nadal himself maintains that there should be more tournaments played on other kinds of courts.

Yet he's been successful everywhere, winning the Australian Open and U.S. Open once each, along with Wimbledon twice, to go along with his record eight championships on the slower red clay of the French Open. Nadal is 15-0 on hard courts in 2013, with his current run of victories built en route to titles at Montreal and Cincinnati.

"He's on a great streak right now. He's playing fantastic tennis. He's playing as well as anyone in the world right now," said the 21-year-old Harrison, who will be making his Arthur Ashe Stadium debut against the tournament's 2010 champion. "So I'm going to have to bring a really high level out."

Nadal's rivals at the top of the game have taken note, too, of course.

Summed up defending champion Andy Murray: "He's going to be very difficult to beat here."

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic, who won the 2011 U.S. Open, said: "Nadal is definitely back, and he's playing maybe the best tennis that he ever has played on hard courts. ... He seems like he changed a little bit the game. He stepped in a little bit more. He knows that now he has to be a bit more aggressive than he usually is because of, I guess, his knees and everything and because hard court is not clay. It's not his favorite surface; it's faster. I'm sure he worked on that."

Nadal agreed with that assessment: He is making an effort to hit balls earlier than he used to. He is trying to be more aggressive.

"I'm clearly very impressed, especially seeing him play really well on the quicker hard courts. ... He's someone to be reckoned with. There were a lot of question marks when he came back. Especially, people thought he was just going to play on the clay courts, or most of it, and just some hard courts," said Federer, the champion in New York every year from 2004-08.

"He's playing a full schedule," Federer said, "and he's had an incredible season so far."

All told, Nadal is 53-3 with a tour-leading nine titles, more than twice as many as any other man. He reached the final at 11 of the 12 tournaments he entered.

A year ago, when Murray beat Djokovic in five sets in the U.S. Open final, Nadal was at home on the Spanish island of Mallorca, watching the tournament on television.

Nadal wasn't particularly concerned about missing this particular tour stop, he said, as much as he fretted about when—and, really, whether—he would get back to playing his best.

"I was worried about the recovery, not about being here," he said. "I was more worried about when I will have the chance to be back, how will the knee improve. ... Emotionally, there were ups and downs. It is hard when you are working every day and you don't see the improvement on the injury. That is the hardest moment, the toughest moment."

The last time he was seen in Grand Slam action, at Wimbledon in June, Nadal was being beaten by 135th-ranked Steve Darcis, the only first-round loss of his career at a major tournament. That also was Nadal's only defeat in his past 33 matches.

If he and Federer both win four times at the U.S. Open, they will meet in the quarterfinals. They own a combined 29 Grand Slam titles, have faced each other 31 times (Nadal leads 21-10), including in eight major finals (Nadal leads 6-2)—and have never been on opposite sides of the net at Flushing Meadows.

"We deserved a final here in the U.S. Open. Yeah, that is strange that it didn't happen. I remember Roger having match points in the 2010 semifinals, 2011 semifinals—so we were one point away. ... I missed it in 2009; I missed it in 2008," Nadal said. "Hopefully this time will be the good one."

Granderson hits key sac fly, Yankees beat Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)— Cuoridrtis Granderson hit a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning as the New York Yankees avoided a three-game sweep by defeating the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 on Sunday.

Alfonso Soriano started the winning rally with a one-out double off Jamey Wright (2-2). He stole third and came home on Granderson's fly ball to center.

Mariano Rivera, making his last regular-season appearance at Tropicana Field, received a standing ovation before getting the final three outs for his 38th save. The closer is planning to retire after this season.

AP

New York Yankees reliever Mariano Rivera, right, is congratulated by catcher Austin Romine after getting the save in a 3-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays in a baseball game in St. Petersburg, Fla., Sunday.

White Sox 5, Rangers 2

In Chicago, Jordan Danks homered after replacing the injured Avisail Garcia, backing a solid start by his brother John and helping the surging White Sox beat the Rangers.

The White Sox took two of three from the AL West leaders, giving them eight victories in their last nine games.

Josh Phegley went deep after hitting the winning single in the ninth inning the previous night. John Danks (4-10) outpitched Matt Garza (3-2), allowing two runs over six innings for his second straight win.

A rare bright spot in a miserable season for Chicago was tempered by Garcia crashing into the right-field fence and slowly walking off the field.

Blue Jays 2, Astros 1

In Houston, Mark Buehrle allowed one run over eight innings as the Blue Jays rallied for two runs in the ninth inning to snap a seven-game losing streak with a win over the Astros.

Buehrle (10-7) allowed seven hits and struck out seven in winning his fifth straight. He has allowed seven runs over 27 innings, spanning his last four starts. Casey Janssen pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

Robbie Grossman had two hits to extend his hitting streak to 12 games for the Astros, who have yet to sweep a series at home this season.

Moises Sierra drew a bases loaded walk to tie the game at 1-1 in the ninth. Following Sierra's walk, Chia-Jen Lo (0-2) struck out Kevin Pillar before Kevin Chapman induced a run-scoring groundout by Ryan Goins to put Toronto in front 2-1.

Indians 3, Twins 1

In Cleveland, Drew Stubbs hit a tiebreaking, two-out homer in the eighth inning as the Indians overcame four errors to beat the Twins.

Stubbs homered to dead center on a 0-1 pitch from Jared Burton (2-7) to snap a 1-all tie and lift the Indians to a crucial win in their quest a spot in the American League playoffs. Joe Smith (5-1) pitched a scoreless eighth and Chris Perez worked the ninth for his 21st save.

The Indians entered the day trailing Oakland by 2 1/2 games for the AL's second wild-card spot, but didn't look like a playoff contender for much of the day. In addition to the four errors, the Indians made several other mistakes, both in the field and on the bases but managed to survive before starting a crucial road trip to Atlanta and Detroit that begins Tuesday.

Nick Swisher added an RBI single in the eighth.

Orioles 10, Athletics 3

In Baltimore, Chris Davis had two hits and collected his 118th RBI, as the Orioles hit three home runs in a rout of the Athletics.

J.J. Hardy, Nick Markakis and Nate McLouth connected for the Orioles, who took two of three from Oakland to move within two games of the Athletics in the race for the second AL wild-card slot.

Oakland had gone 105 straight games since April 25 without allowing 10 runs. Rookie Sonny Gray (1-2) absorbed the brunt of the damage, yielding six runs and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Scott Feldman (4-3) gave up one run in five innings for the Orioles.

Angels 7, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Jered Weaver gave up just three hits in eight strong innings and Kole Calhoun added a two-run homer as the Angels completed a three-game sweep of the Mariners.

The Angels gave Weaver plenty of run support by coming through in clutch situations. The Angels first seven runs were scored with two outs, including Calhoun's homer, a two-run triple by Chris Nelson and an RBI triple from Peter Bourjos.

Weaver (8-7) continued the Angels pitching dominance in the three-game series, where they allowed two runs. His only mistake was giving up a solo home run to Dustin Ackley with one-out in the third inning on a 3-2 pitch. But Weaver followed by retiring 15 of the next 16 batters. He struck out eight, but wasn't given the chance at his first complete game since August 2012.

Royals 6, Nationals 4

In Kansas City, Missouri, Salvador Perez homered early, then drove in the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning as the Kansas City Royals ended their seven-game losing streak, rebounding for a victory after blowing a 4-0 lead against Washington.

With two out and a runner on first and the game tied 4-all in the eighth, Billy Butler hit a hard grounder that first baseman Adam LaRoche knocked down. The ball rolled several feet to his right and when Stammen was late to cover the bag, the slow-running Butler kept the inning going by chugging to first with an infield single. Stammen then walked Mike Moustakas on fourth pitches and Perez hit a hard grounder to shortstop Ian Desmond. He bobbled momentarily and his throw to third was late, allowing the tiebreaking run to cross the plate on what was first ruled a fielder's choice and then changed to an infield single before David Lough's RBI single made it 6-4.

Kelvin Herrera (5-6) pitched 1 1-3 innings of relief for only the Royals' third victory in 13 games. Craig Stammen (7-6) took the loss and was part of a shaky defense that led to the Nationals' first loss in six road outings.

Braves 5, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Mike Minor bounced back from the shortest outing of his career with seven strong innings, leading the Atlanta Braves to a win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Atlanta, which has the best record in the National League, salvaged the finale of the four-game set. Andrelton Simmons hit his 12th homer for the Braves, who closed out a 2-4 road trip.

Allen Craig had three of St. Louis' eight hits for his 44th multihit game of the season. But the Cardinals had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Minor (13-5) gave up one run and six hits while pitching on seven days' rest after allowing four runs in 1 2-3 innings against Washington on Aug. 17. Craig Kimbrel came on with two out in the eighth and picked up his 41st save in 44 opportunities.

St. Louis right-hander Lance Lynn gave up four runs and nine hits over seven innings while dropping to 0-3 with a 5.40 ERA in his last four starts.

Phillies 9, Diamondbacks 5

In Philadelphia, Roy Halladay pitched six effective innings in his return from the disabled list and John Mayberry Jr. homered as Philadelphia downed Arizona.

Cody Asche and Roger Bernadina each had two RBIs for the Phillies, who have won six of their last eight games.

A.J. Pollock had three hits, including a three-run homer, for Arizona, which has lost four of five.

The game started just 11 hours and 25 minutes after the final out at 2:12 a.m. of Saturday's 7-hour, 6-minute marathon that set a record for length of time of a game for both clubs. The Diamondbacks won that one, 12-7.

Halladay (3-4), coming back from midseason right shoulder surgery, allowed two runs and four hits. He was going to pitch his third minor league rehab start on Sunday but was pressed into action when Sunday's original starter, Tyler Cloyd, was one of 11 Philadelphia pitchers used on Saturday.

Giants 4, Pirates 0

In San Francisco, Ryan Vogelsong threw eight sharp innings for his first victory in three months, leading the Giants to the win.

Pablo Sandoval had two RBIs as the Giants won their second straight to split the series with the Pirates. Buster Posey and Joaquin Arias each drove in a run.

Vogelsong (3-4) allowed two hits, struck out five and walked one in his first win since May 20 against Washington. The right-hander used his longest outing of the season to lower his ERA to 2.55 in four starts since coming off the disabled list on Aug. 9.

A.J. Burnett (6-9) pitched 7 1-3 innings for Pittsburgh, giving up four runs and eight hits. He fell to 2-3 in 10 starts since returning from the DL.

Brewers 3, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Caleb Gindl homered for Milwaukee for the second straight game, and Marco Estrada held Cincinnati's lineup to one single over seven shutout innings.

The Brewers took two of three from the Reds, who remain right behind Pittsburgh and St. Louis in the NL Central race.

Estrada (6-4) gave up Shin-Soo Choo's leadoff single in the first inning, and then left the Reds swinging at nothing. He walked two and fanned a season-high nine.

Jim Henderson gave up Joey Votto's 20th homer in the ninth inning while picking up his 21st save in 24 chances.

Rockies 4, Marlins 3

In Miami, Nolan Arenado hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the sixth as Colorado held on for the win.

Jorge De La Rosa (14-6) won his fourth consecutive decision, allowing three runs in five innings. De La Rosa improved to 7-0 with a 1.92 ERA in day games.

Five relievers then combined for four hitless innings, with Rex Brothers working the ninth for his 13th save in 14 chances. With runners on first and second, Brothers got Ed Lucas to ground into a fielder's choice to end the game.

Padres 3, Cubs 2, 15 innings

In San Diego, Nick Hundley hit a game-ending RBI single in the 15th inning to lift the Padres to a victory over the Cubs.

Logan Forsythe set up the winning hit with a one-out single against Hector Rondon (2-1). He moved up on a groundout before Alexi Amarista was intentionally walked.

Hundley then lined a clean single into center field and Forsythe scored easily, giving San Diego its third win in the last four games. Dale Thayer (2-3) wiggled out of a jam in the top half to get the victory.

Tigers 11, Mets 3

In New York, Miguel Cabrera hit a mammoth homer, Rick Porcello enjoyed a happy homecoming as the Tigers polished off a three-game sweep.

Andy Dirks put Detroit ahead with a two-run shot, and the AL Central leaders improved to 12-5 in interleague play. They have won 34 of 49 overall, the best mark in the American League since July 2.

Porcello (10-7) pitched seven innings of four-hit ball before the Tigers broke it open with a seven-run ninth. The 24-year-old right-hander, who grew up nearby in New Jersey, left 17 tickets for family and friends.

Red Sox 8, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Jake Peavy pitched a three-hitter as Boston beat Los Angeles, becoming the first team to win a series from the NL West leaders in 2 1/2 months.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia, Shane Victorino and Mike Napoli homered for the Red Sox on the anniversary of the blockbuster nine-player trade in which the Dodgers acquired Adrian Gonzalez, Carl Crawford, Josh Beckett and Nick Punto from Boston.

Gonzalez hit his 17th homer, driving an 0-2 pitch to center field with one out in the fourth for the Dodgers' first hit after the Red Sox staked Peavy to a 3-0 lead. The Red Sox were the first team to win a series from the Dodgers since June 14-16, when Pittsburgh took two of three. But Los Angeles is 46-12 since June 22.

Rockets' Lin keen to work on Howard chemistry

BEIJING (AP)— Jeremy Lin says he's looking forward to pairing up with the Houston Rockets' newly acquired star Dwight Howard.

Lin told reporters Sunday on a visit to Beijing that he saw a natural affinity in the pair's affection for the pick-and-roll game.

"We're not yet in Houston and haven't trained together so I don't know yet," said the 25-year-old point guard, who was in China to oversee a basketball camp.

"But he really likes to play pick-and-roll and I really like to play pick-and-roll, so I hope we can work really well together and really happily learn how to play with each other," Lin said.

Howard signed with Houston after playing for the Lakers, following a strong push by former Rockets stars, including Hakeem Olajuwon and China's Yao Ming.

The Rockets went 45-37 during Lin's first season with the team and lost to the Oklahoma Thunder in the first round of the playoffs. The addition of Howard is expected to put the team in contention for a title.

Lin said it was too early to talk about his future in Houston after his first season in which he started all 82 regular-season games and averaged more than 13 points and six assists.

"Right now I know there's always speculation about what might happen, but I haven't made any decisions I haven't thought about it and I'm going to approach that question when the time comes," Lin said.

Lin had become a star with the Knicks the previous season and started the "Linsanity" craze. Lin's parents are from Taiwan and he has been embraced by fans in mainland China.

Babauta notches CWGA August Ace

Lorraine Babauta pulled off a one-shot win in the CNMI Women's Golf Association August Ace of the Month Tournament held early this month on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Babauta recorded a net 71 to edge the 72 of Shiori Onoue. The eventual August Ace of the Month winner had a rough start in the group's fourth competition for the season after shooting a 43 on the front nine. The nine-handicapper then regained her bearings in the last nine holes, firing the field's best one-over par 37 for a gross 80.

Onoue, a four-handicapper had a consistent game on the west course, firing a 38 on both nines for a gross 76, while third place Jeon Me Ae carded a gross 80 and net 73. Jeon holds a seven handicap and logged a 41 and 39 on the front and back nines, respectively.

Babauta

With Babauta winning the August tournament, she now qualifies to the club's year-end competition, joining other monthly winners Onoue (May), Hiromi Sawada (June), and Sherlyn Jones (July).

Babauta, Onoue, and Jeon also earned points fro placing in the Top 3 in the Aug. 10 tournament. Babauta got 15 points, while Onoue and Jeon received 14 and 13, respectively. CWGA awards the member with the most points after the 12 monthly tournaments.

Meanwhile, 14 other CWGA members joined the August tournament. Noriko Togawa, a four-handicapper came in at fourth his her net 75, built from a 39 in the first nine holes and 40 in the last. Dolores Yamagishi, who had a 13 handicap, rounded out the Top 5 after tallying a net 76 off her 45 and 44 on front and back nines, respectively.

Matilde Hocog finished sixth with her net 77 and were joined in the Top 10 by Mio Kim (78), Jones (80), Yong Mi Kim (80), and Suk Suk Kim (83). Other CWGA members who competed in the August event wered Change Eun Ae (83), Kimiko Abe (84), Yuko Tigawa (88), Mimi Castro (75), Sawada (78), Kitami Pil Sun (86), and Nikki Babauta (76).

Meanwhile, CWGA will hold its September Ace of the Month on Sept. 14 with the venue to be announced later. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

UFO caging tips off Sept. 22

The 2013 United Filipino Organization Basketball League will kick off on Sept. 22 at the TSL Sports Complex's Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

According to league coordinator Abner Venus, the opening ceremony will start promptly at 1pm and playing dates will be Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, if necessary. First game is at 6:30pm and second game is at 8pm.

He said the 2013 edition of the competition will have four divisions—masters (40-and-over), open (21-39), youth (16-20), and junior youth (15-and-under). Entrance fee is $500 for the masters and open divisions, while the youth and junior youth categories will be assessed $350.

A total of 15 teams have already signified their intentions to join the league. In the masters division they are Team Armatech, Team Arnold, and Team Boy. In the open division are I Love Saipan, Hoopaholics, Docomo Pacific, Team Boy, Team Arnold, Team Peter, and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The youth division so far has only three teams led by defending champions DYS, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Team San Roque, while only two teams have signed up in the junior youth, namely defending champions DYS and Rollers.

Venus said the 2013 UFO Basketball League is inviting champions and other powerhouses of recent leagues to take part in the 2013 edition of one of the CNMI's most prestigious cage competitions.

He specifically named DFS Galleria (2013 Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League), CTSI (2013 Tan Holdings caging), Mobil (2013 Champions Emon Lodge Basketball League), Marianas Resort and Spa (Emon Lodge caging runner-up), Team Kalayaan, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan to field a team.

He said they are also inviting teams from the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League to join the youth and junior youth divisions of the competition.

"We are also inviting all other teams who are currently joining the outside leagues to come and participate in the 2013 UFO Basketball League," said Venus.

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straight win after a 0-2 start, while Kagman absorbed its first loss in four games to drop to second place and tie the Sonics. Rebelholics got its fourth defeat in as many matches.

The Kagman Cougars-Mariana Resort/Proa ended in a deadlock at halftime, 29-29, before the former went cold in the third period, allowing the latter to take the driver's seat. Kagman scored only 2 points in the third canto, while Proa made 12 for a 41-31 advantage.

Kagman, behind the 3-point shooting of John Samuel Darag and John Santos, tried to mount a comeback in the fourth quarter, but fell short, as Proa's Dave Smith and Dixon Kwon countered with timely baskets to keep the lead and the win.

Kwon paced Proa with his 22 points, while Smith chipped in 13. John Benavente also posted twin digits with his 10 markers. Kagman drew 17 and 16 points from John Santos and Darag, respectively.

In the second game, the Sonics finished off Rebelholics right in the first quarter, building a big 26-2 advantage. Forward Bryle Alegre dominated the opening canto, scoring 12 of his 16 points, while Michael Cenir notched the lone basket for Rebelholics in the first frame.

The Rebelholics continued to score in single digits in the next two quarters, as the Sonics padded their lead en route to the 39-point winning margin.

Jaymark De Guzman, who had only 4 points in the first canto, picked up where Alegre left off and went on to top-score for the Sonics with his 22 points. Jack Aranda contributed 13 and the Sonics got at least 4 points apiece from four other players. Michael Cenir led the Rebelholics with his 9 points.

Meanwhile, results of last Friday's games will be reported in *Saipan Tribune*'s Wednesday edition.

First Game

Mariana Resort/Proa 57 – Kwon 20, Smith 13, Benavente 10, Pamintuan 6, Manalili 2.

Kagman Cougars 50 – Jo. Santos 17, Darag 16, Mettao 4, Mawlebug 4, Lampkin 2, Je. Santos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-16, 29-29, 41-31, 57-50.

Second Game

Sonics 78 – De Guzman 21, Alegre 18, Aranda 13, Feria 9, Javier 8, Flores 4, Borromeo 4.

Rebeholics 29 – Cenir 9, Rios 5, Ellama 4, Vivero 2, Iba 2, Francisco 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-2, 47-11, 64-17, 78-29.

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the bottom of the second inning for the team's shaky lead. The Yankees kept the upper hand, as the Dodgers failed to score for the third straight inning before Camacho reached home plate off a Yankees error and tied the match at the top of the fourth

After the game remained even with five innings already in the books, Jonathan Cabrera put the Dodgers on top at the bottom of the sixth, 2-1, as his triple drove home Palacios. The Dodgers never relinquished the lead from thereon as Camacho, who came in for starting pitcher Jonathan Cabrera in the third inning, got three strikeouts and allowed only one hit and the rest of his teammates held their ground on defense.

Camacho gave up a double to Jun Pangelinan at the bottom of the fifth inning and that hit put the Yankees in a good position to get their second run, as their centerfielder stole second base and made it to third off a Dodgers' error with no outs. Camacho then got the first out, striking out Brandon Dela Cruz, while Gino Dela Cruz also returned to the dugout early after beating beaten to first. Pangelinan was then left stranded at third, as M.J. Sakikat also went out on a 5-3 putout play.

It was almost the same story for the Yankees in the last two innings, as the first three batters went back to the dugout after a brief action at the field, while Steve Cabrera gave the Dodgers the insurance at the top of the last inning, making a single, stealing second and third, and eventually making it home off a passed ball.

Braves 12, Yankees 2

In was a tough weekend for the Yankees, as they also lost to the Braves last Friday.

The Braves got their second win in three games to join the Giants in second place behind the league-leading and undefeated Padres (3-0).

Lucio Kalen led the Braves, going 3-for-4 at the plate and drilling three runs, one double, and one RBI. Cody Kaipat was also 3-for-4 at bat and added two runs and one RBI.

The Braves got off to a good start, nailing four runs at the top of the first inning, while the Yankees did not light up the scoreboard until the fifth inning when Gino Dela Cruz reached home off a Braves error. However, the Yankees' run was not enough to bring them back into the game, as the Braves answered with five runs at the top of the sixth to finish off their opponent.

Meanwhile, the Tigers (1-1) got a free win in the first game last Saturday after the Pirates (2-1) did not have enough players for the match.

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golfers have been to previous camps at Laolao, which has been conducting the program for the last five years in coordination with its Tokyo sales office though its assistance office manager Toshiharu Takizawa and Panorama International general manager (Tokyo) Mitsuru Fujiyoshi.

"We participate in fairs in Tokyo and junior players and their parents stop by at our booth and inquire about this camp at Laolao," Fujiyoshi said through interpreter Takizawa.

"They love coming back here because they are learning a lot and enjoying their independence from their parents. During their stay here, they are on their own, they behave well on and off the course, and meet new friends. Attending camps like these and meeting new people and new instructors improve their personality, not only their games," Takizawa said.

Saito returned to Laolao for the third time, saying that at every camp he learns different lessons. Mayate, who completed his fifth camp, said his communication skills also improved through this camp, while Akai and Wada, who went for their fourth trip here, said they loved the east and west courses of Laolao as they are very challenging. Yamashita and Matsuoka, through interpreter Saito, said it was their second time to attend the camp and they were excited to learn new things from their instructor.

Satur said the six Japanese are easy to work with and are eager to lean.

"They have been playing in Japanese junior golf tournaments for the past years and have their own private golf instructors. But some train only once a week, so they really need more time to work on their swings and drives. I noticed they are using some wrong techniques, like the twisting of the head, so I corrected that and polished other skills," Satur said.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	77	55	.583	_
Tampa Bay	74	54	.578	1
Baltimore	70	59	.543	5 1/2
New York	69	61	.531	7
Toronto	58	73	.443	18 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	77	53	.592	_
Cleveland	71	59	.546	6
Kansas City	65	64	.504	11 1/2
Minnesota	57	72	.442	19 1/2
Chicago	54	75	.419	22 1/2

West Division

Texas	75	55	.577	_
Oakland	72	57	.558	2 1/2
Seattle	59	70	.457	15 1/2
Los Angeles	58	71	.450	16 1/2
Houston	43	86	.333	31 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	78	52	.600	_
Washington	65	65	.500	13
Philadelphia	59	71	.454	19
New York	58	70	.453	19
Miami	49	80	.380	28 1/2

Central Division

Pittsburgh	76	54	.585	_
St. Louis	76	54	.585	_
Cincinnati	74	57	.565	2 1/2
Milwaukee	57	73	.438	19
Chicago	55	75	.423	21

West Division

Los Angeles	76	54	.585	_
Arizona	66	63	.512	9 1/2
Colorado	61	71	.462	16
San Diego	59	71	.454	17
San Francisco	58	72	.446	18

THE BARCLAY'S SCORES

JERSEY CITY, New Jersey (AP)—Scores Friday from the $8-million The Barclays at the par-71 (36-35), 7,343-yard Liberty National Golf Club course:

FINAL ROUND

Adam Scott (2,500), $1,440,000	69-66-72-66—273
Graham DeLaet (950), $528,000	67-73-69-65—274
Justin Rose (950), $528,000	68-68-70-68—274
Gary Woodland (950), $528,000	69-64-68-73—274
Tiger Woods (950), $528,000	67-69-69-69—274
Jim Furyk (458), $268,000	70-66-70-69—275
Phil Mickelson (458), $268,000	71-69-70-65—275
D.A. Points (458), $268,000	70-72-66-67—275
Matt Every (363), $208,000	67-72-69-68—276
Rickie Fowler (363), $208,000	71-64-71-70—276
Jason Kokrak (363), $208,000	70-69-70-67—276
Nick Watney (363), $208,000	68-70-69-69—276
Rory Sabbatini (293), $160,000	71-67-71-68—277
Bubba Watson (293), $160,000	68-70-68-71—277
Kevin Chappell (273), $132,000	68-72-62-76—278
John Huh (273), $132,000	73-64-71-70—278
Webb Simpson (273), $132,000	67-66-74-71—278
Daniel Summerhays (273), $132,000	70-69-69-70—278
Brendon de Jonge (248), $93,600	67-69-72-71—279
Matt Kuchar (248), $93,600	66-65-70-78—279
David Lynn (248), $93,600	71-65-69-74—279
Rory McIlroy (248), $93,600	71-65-71-72—279
Jordan Spieth (248), $93,600	70-68-68-73—279
Kevin Streelman (248), $93,600	70-68-68-73—279
Roberto Castro (213), $58,500	70-70-69-71—280
Jason Day (213), $58,500	66-73-71-70—280
Bill Haas (213), $58,500	73-66-71-70—280
Hunter Mahan (213), $58,500	69-68-72-71—280
Bryce Molder (213), $58,500	69-69-72-70—280
Ryan Moore (213), $58,500	67-72-69-72—280
Charl Schwartzel (213), $58,500	68-67-74-71—280
Lee Westwood (213), $58,500	73-68-71-68—280
Keegan Bradley (183), $44,200	72-63-74-72—281
Charles Howell III (183), $44,200	72-66-73-70—281
Matt Jones (183), $44,200	71-68-72-70—281
Chris Stroud (183), $44,200	73-66-70-72—281
Greg Chalmers (163), $36,800	73-69-66-74—282
Jason Dufner (163), $36,800	71-70-71-70—282
Sergio Garcia (163), $36,800	70-66-71-75—282
Freddie Jacobson (163), $36,800	68-68-74-72—282
Stuart Appleby (148), $32,000	69-71-72-71—283
Luke Donald (148), $32,000	67-72-72-72—283
Aaron Baddeley (125), $24,960	69-72-66-77—284
Erik Compton (125), $24,960	72-70-72-70—284
Brian Gay (125), $24,960	68-72-77-67—284
George McNeill (125), $24,960	71-68-76-69—284
Scott Piercy (125), $24,960	72-70-69-73—284
Kevin Stadler (125), $24,960	64-73-76-71—284
Henrik Stenson (125), $24,960	65-73-75-71—284
Martin Kaymer (98), $19,480	68-70-75-72—285
John Merrick (98), $19,480	69-73-70-73—285
Kyle Stanley (98), $19,480	70-67-76-72—285
Nicholas Thompson (98), $19,480	67-74-72-72—285
Martin Flores (78), $18,320	71-69-77-69—286
Carl Pettersson (78), $18,320	68-73-73-72—286
Camilo Villegas (78), $18,320	65-73-72-76—286
Jimmy Walker (78), $18,320	68-73-72-73—286
Jonas Blixt (58), $17,680	69-67-70-81—287
Bob Estes (58), $17,680	72-68-74-73—287
Cameron Tringale (58), $17,680	74-67-73-73—287
Boo Weekley (58), $17,680	69-72-75-71—287
Scott Brown (40), $17,120	70-70-78-70—288
Scott Langley (40), $17,120	72-69-76-71—288
John Senden (40), $17,120	71-71-71-75—288
Geoff Ogilvy (30), $16,800	68-73-77-71—289
Jeff Overton (23), $16,560	68-74-74-74—290
Ryan Palmer (23), $16,560	65-73-75-77—290
K.J. Choi (13), $16,240	71-71-73-76—291
Stewart Cink (13), $16,240	70-70-79-72—291
Charley Hoffman (5), $16,000	68-71-79-74—292
Marc Leishman (5), $15,840	72-70-75-77—294
David Hearn (5), $15,520	73-68-79-75—295
Martin Laird (5), $15,520	74-68-77-76—295
Josh Teater (5), $15,520	68-72-76-79—295

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ROP 15: Wrath of the Warriors Part 1

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Ring announcer L.J. Castro talks to the crowd before kicking off the action in the Rites of Passage 15: Wrath of the Warriors last Aug. 16 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

Pwang's Pete "Project K" Keju, right, connects a kick on the body of Guam Muah Thai's Josh Javellana.

The fighters make their appearance on the octagon cage before their respective bouts.

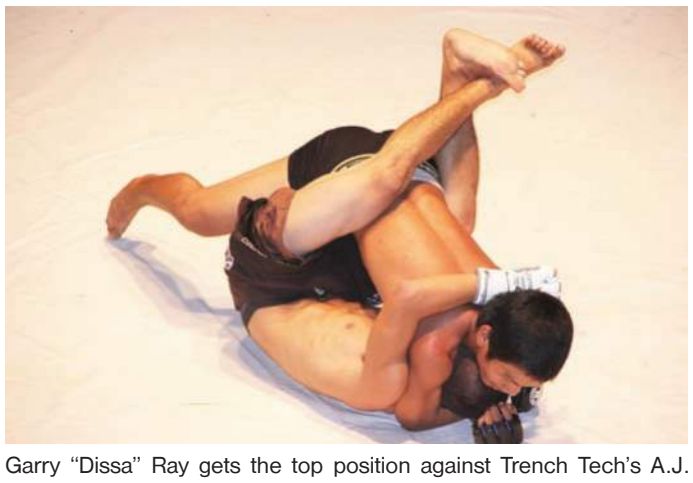
Zalaka's Allan Aguon, right, kicks T.J. Sablan on the head.

T.J. Sablan tries to lock Allan Aguon's head.

Team Madhouse's Daniel Floor throws a kick on Trench Tech's Francisco "Pak Pak" Palacios.

R.A.A's Jake Ray chokes Trench Tech's Benedict Estoque during the early minutes of the first round.

Zeng Zung's Vince "The Beast" Cepeda slams Zalaka's Danny Cruz on the corner.



Garry "Dissa" Ray gets the top position against Trench Tech's A.J. "Mini Mouse" Aldan.

Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, and Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez are recognized for their win in PXC 38 during a brief break in ROP 15.

Granderson hits key sac fly, Yankees beat Rays

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Sonics, Proa win in Rotary U19 matches

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REPORTER

Defending champions Sonics and Mariana Resort/Proa recorded contrasting victories in the U19 division games in the 22nd Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mariana Resort/Proa outclassed the Kagman Cougars in the first game, 57-50, while the Sonics routed the Rebelholics in the second match of Week 4 of the youth league. The Mariana Resort/Proa notched its second

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The Sonics' Jaymark De Guzman, seen here driving against two S.J. Ol'Aces defenders, scored 22 points in their 78-29 demolition of the Rebelholics in the U19 division game of the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Dodgers beat Yankees, bag first victory

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The Dodgers' Steven Cabrera slides safely to home plate during the top of the seventh of their game against the Yankees in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Dodgers barged into the win column in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball League after earning a 3-1 victory over the winless Yankees last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Jhace Palacios, Brian Camacho, and Steven Cabrera scored for the Dodgers, who snapped their two-game losing skid while handing the Yankees their fourth loss in as many matches.

Jeremy Atalig made the lone run for the Yankees off a sacrifice fly from Greg Iskawa at

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Tony Satur, right, poses with the six Japanese junior golfers and Panorama International general manager Mitsuru Fujiyoshi before starting a training session on hole No. 1 of the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort last Saturday.

Japanese junior golfers complete camp at Laolao

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Six Japanese junior golfers completed a six-day golf camp hosted by the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort last week.

The camp, which started on Aug. 19 and ended last Saturday, featured twice-a-day training sessions, according to camp instructor and veteran CNMI golfer Tony Satur. Completing the camp were Kojiro Yamashita, Joi Saito, Takuya Wada, Shuki Matsuoka, Ryoga Akai, and Mayate Hirose. The group are in the 10 to 14 age group.

"I thought them how to improve their basic skills, course management, and rules of the game. We played 18 holes every day and conducted morning and afternoon sessions," Satur said.

All the six Japanese junior

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